

OSPREY FLY BOX

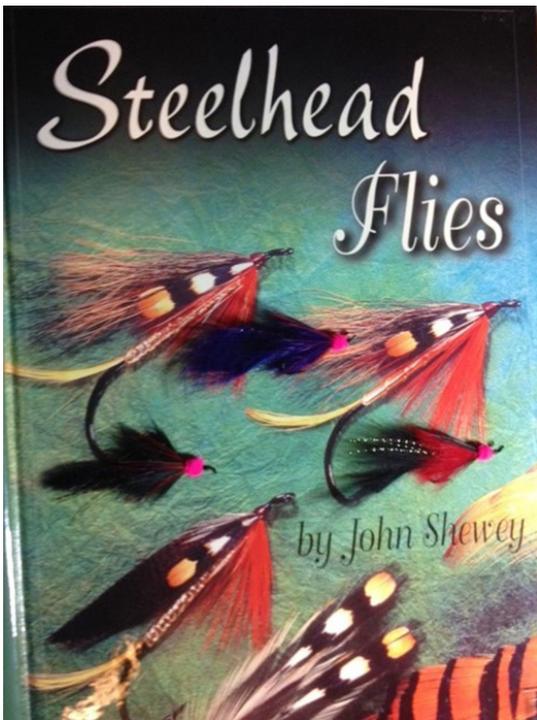
EGG SUCKING BUNNY LEECH

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From Alaska to California, the Egg Sucking Leech without doubt is one of the top producing streamer flies to ever come out of a vise. The main reason for this patterns great success is its ability to be adapted to catch virtually any freshwater fish that exists. From trout to steelhead and salmon, the Egg Sucking Bunny Leech can just about do it all.

While the rabbit fur gives the fly plenty of movement as it undulates in flowing water, the skin absorbs water making the fly very heavy and difficult to cast.

At a method session, Rudy introduced members to fly tying technique that few have used. This technique can be performed using the Petjean "Magic Tool" (*costing close to \$40*) or a Bullnose Clip (*costing less than \$2*). In a nutshell, the fur is clipped from the skin, placed in a dubbing loop and spun. The skin which absorbs the water is eliminated.



Rudy demonstrates the clipping and spinning of rabbit fur at an Osprey Method Session.

Like any new tying technique, you may have to tie a few flies before you perfect the technique.

This fly was originally tied with black rabbit fur strips. More recently the Egg Sucking Leech has spawned an almost limitless amount of color combinations.



MATERIALS



- Hook:** Salmon Hook, Size 4
- Thread:** Black
- Tail:** Black Zonker Rabbit Strip
Black or Red Krystal Flash
- Body:** Spun Rabbit Fur
- Collar:** Golden Pheasant Rump, dyed red.
- Egg:** Small Chenille - Pink
- Other:** Large Bullnose Clip

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



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- De-barb the hook
- Lay down a thread base along the entire length of the hook.
- Prepare a 1" strip of black rabbit zoner. Tie in above the point of the hook.
- Tie in a couple strands of black or red krystal flash on each side of the tail.
- Secure a rabbit zoner strip in the bullnose clip.

- Align so that the skin is 1/4" from the front edge of the clip.
- Cut the skin off the skin and set aside.

- Make a 6" dubbing loop. Wrap the thread forward to the eye of the hook. A little dubbing wax on the thread will be helpful to make the next step easier.
- Slide the clip with the rabbit fur into the dubbing loop. Remove the clip and carefully align the fur between the two strands of thread.
- Aggressively spin the fur to insure that it is tightly locked in the loop.

- Wrap the loop forward, stroking the fur back with each turn.

- Wrap forward to approximately 1/4" from the eye of the hook.
- Tie off and clip the excess.

- Take a red Golden Pheasant Rump feather and stroke the fibers back.
- Tie in by the tip and make two wraps. Tie off and clip the excess.

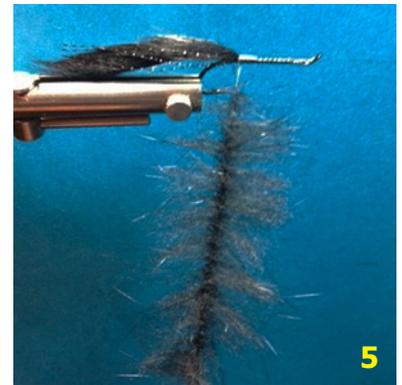
- Tie in the small pink chenille and form a small ball.
- Tie off at the eye of the hook, clip the excess.
- Whipfinish and add a drop of head cement.



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The Finished Fly



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