

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## THE FALK FLY

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It's 1945 in a department store called Meier & Frank located in Portland, Oregon. A lady named Audrey Joy was tying flies for an order from a fellow named Leo Falk. A gentlemen named Dell LaFollette came in and was watching her tie. He was intrigued by a fly she was tying so that night he went home and tied a similar pattern but slightly different and called it The Falk Fly in tribute to the fellow Audrey was tying the flies for. It is a staple for most Fly Fishers from Oregon.

The Falk is very versatile and can be tied in a number of variations. It can be fished dry or wet but I tie the wet version with very soft hackle and a bead head. Colours can be varied as well, including olive, brown and grey.

On a number of occasions when nothing seems to be working, this fly has produced for me. I admit that I don't use it as a go to fly but use it as an attractor.



### MATERIALS



**Hook:** Mustad 9671. 2XL Nymph Hook  
Sizes #8 to #12

**Thread:** Uni 8/0 Black

**Tail:** Golden Pheasant Tippet

**Body:** Orange Floss

**Hackle:** Ginger Dry Fly Hackle

**Wing:** Natural Soft Deer Hair

### TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Start the Black thread on the hook just behind the Eye and cover the Hook Shank down to in line with the Pinched Barb.



2. Clip about 10 Fibers from a Golden Pheasant Tippet. Tie them in with the second Black Bar at the start of the Bend. Cover the shank of the Hook up to the within one Eye width of the eye to even out the body.



3. Return the thread to the Tail and Tie in an appropriate sized Ginger Dry Fly Hackle. Once again cover the shank of the Hook up to the within one Eye width of the eye to even out the body.



4. Tie in the Orange Floss and bind down to the Hackle. Return the thread to within one Eye width of the Eye.

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5. Wrap the Orange Floss in smooth even turns to within one Eye width of the Eye tie off and cut the excess.

6. Palmer the hackle around the Hook shank up to the thread and tie off.



7. Take a small bunch of soft Natural Deer Hair, remove the fuzz and stack in a Hair Stacker. Tie in so the tips extend just past the first Black marking on the Tail. Make two loose wraps of Thread around the Deer Hair before pulling up on the thread to prevent the Hair spinning around the Hook.

8. Lift the Butt ends of the Deer Hair and whip finish under the Deer Hair. Cut the thread apply Head Cement and cut the Butts like an Elk Hair Caddis.



9. Version with a Gold Bead Head.

*Tight Lines & Good Luck!*