

OSPREY FLY BOX

FLOSS DIAWL BACH

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The Diawl Bach is a Welsh fly pattern that translates to “Little Devil”. This Fly has been tied in many variations but all with a slender body.

Typical Stillwater versions are a simple pattern with Red Brown Hackle fibres for the Tail and Beard, a Fine Gold Wire Rib and either a Black or Red Thread Head.

This fly which I call the “Floss Diawl Bach”, has a Chartreuse Floss hotspot and a bright Red Head coated with lacquer or several coats of Sally Hansen’s. This particular version has been very good for Sea Run Cutthroat, and as an attractor pattern on lakes for Rainbows.

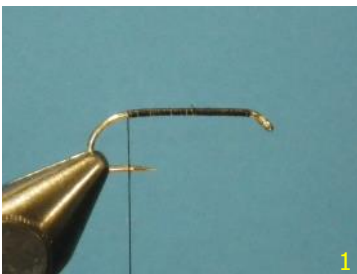


MATERIALS



Hook:	Mustad 9671 2XL Nymph Hook #10-#12
Thread:	Uni 8/0 Black
Tail:	Yellow Ring-neck pheasant tail
Body:	Peacock Herl but thin (may have to be rubbed down with pencil eraser for lower profile.)
Rib:	Mirage Flashabou Kelly Green
Beard:	Yellow Ring-neck Pheasant tail
Hotspot:	Chartreuse Globrite floss
Head:	Fluorescent Red thread UTC 70 with several coats of Sally Hansen’s.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Pinch the Barb and start the Black thread on the Hook then cover the Hook shank down to in line with the pinched Barb.



2. Strip about 8 to 10 Fibres from a died Yellow Pheasant Tail and form a Tail about a Shanks Length. Bind the Pheasant Tail fibres up to just behind the Eye. This ensures a uniformed body later.



3. Attach the Mirage Flashabou and bind down the far side of the Hook to the start of the Tail. Return the Thread to just behind the Eye.



4. Select 4 to 5 Peacock Herls and trim the brittle tips. Tie in and bind down to the start of the Tail, then return the Thread to the start. You might have to take an eraser to the herl to thin out the Herl to ensure a very slender body.

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5. Stroke the Herl fibres together and wrap in close touching turns up to the Thread and Tie off.



6. Counterwind the Mirage Flashabou up to the start and tie off.



7. Strip about 8 to 10 Fibres from a died Yellow Pheasant Tail and form a Beard under the Fly to about level with the Hook point. Cut the Excess Butts.



8. Cut a small Clump of Globrite Floss and tie in on top of the fly. Once tied in cut to form a Small Hotspot.



9. Start the Flourecent Red Thread at the Hook Eye and form a neat bright Red Head. Whip Finish and apply several layers of Sally Hansen's to form a shinny smooth Head.

Tight Lines & Good Luck!