

OSPREY FLY BOX

LOIS' GOLDEN MUDDLER

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ALL BECAUSE OF ONE LITTLE FLY...

A typical day for early November... very wet and very cold. It was almost 10am and not another soul was visible for miles... Here I was, the "newbie" Coho fly fisherman bundled up in layers of down, wool and polar fleece, then covered over by an oversized yellow rain slicker, my favorite "Babcock's" baseball cap and a bright blue gortex rain hat.

Looking back now, I shutter to think how my waded appearance more resembled an oversized anchor bouy than a stealthy Coho fishing machine!

While sitting on a log, I contemplated my weapon of choice. A "KCK"? Hmmmmm... No... The ones I had were too heavily weighted for the water before me. An "UGT" seemed appropriate but my box held only one. One which I wanted to save for another spot should fishing be unproductive here.



An incredible little fly!

Looking up, way way out, a dimple appeared. Was it a slurping Cutty or just another of those oversized raindrops landing awkwardly in the water? The choice was made and I tied it on without further hesitation. If it was a Cutty, at least I stood a chance of a hook-up using this pattern.

The next three hours were FISHING HEAVEN !!!

The dimple proved to be the first showings of a roving school of Coho. A fish took my fly about every third or fourth cast and by the time the rising tide pushed me back, out of casting range of the school, seventeen fish had been beached, with twenty-two hook-ups in total. The sizes ranged from four pounds up to a seven pounds, one of which came home for dinner that night.

Though I was going to be late getting home, I sat on the bank for a few moments to take in the surroundings... and to give silent thanks for the day to "Mother Nature" and to my fellow Osprey whom first told me about this fly.

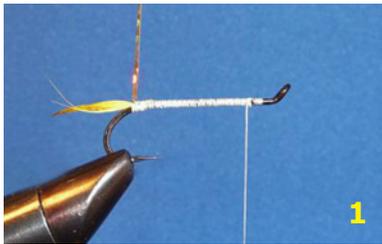
It and the day's memories will have a place in my flybox forever!

MATERIALS & INSTRUCTIONS



- Thread: White
- Hook: Mustad 36890, Size #6 or #8
- Tail: Yellow Mallard Flank
- Body: Silver Holographic Tinsel
- Gill: Red Holographic Tinsel
- Wing: Yellow Mallard Flank, White Calf Tail, Hot Yellow Krystal Flash, Deer Hair
- Head: Clipped Deer Hair
- Accent: Yellow marker.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



Debarb the hook attach the white thread run the base down to the bend of the hook.

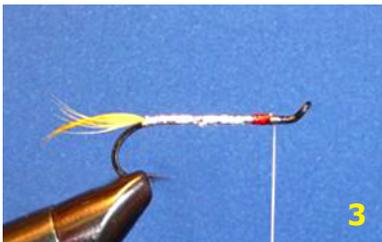
Attach a Yellow Mallard tail.

Attach the Silver Holographic Tinsel.



Wrap the Silver Tinsel forward to the eye.

Tie in Red Holographic Tinsel 1/4 of the way down the hook.



Wrap the Red Holographic Tinsel to form the gills.



Attach a Yellow Mallard wing, sparse

Attach a few strands of White Calf tail (*optional*)

Attach four strands of Hot Yellow Krystal Flash # 11



Tie in a short sparse Deer hair overwing

Stack a Deer hair head (*nothing below the hook*)

The Finished Fly



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Clip the Deer hair to a short arrowhead shape.

Apply head cement

Colour the clipped Deer head with a yellow marker to match the yellow wing