

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## THE IMPROVED HALFBACK

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### Why The Improved Halfback ....

I've been fishing with halfback on interior lakes for many years.

Years ago, on one of my visits to the Ruddick's Fly Shop, I picked up a fly in size 4 which kind of imitates the halfback. I tied a similar fly in size 10 and 12.

On my next fish-out to the Highway 24 lakes, I had several extremely successful days with this particular fly, especially when nothing was happening on the surface. The situation has repeated itself many times.

I don't really know why the fish are attracted to this fly ... maybe because of the tail which I have tied using marabou or the flash back. I have tied this fly weighed or un-weighted and with different shades of green marabou on the tail.

Anyway, this fly has proven quite successful. That is why I chose it to be my "Go To Fly" on days when nothing is happening around me.

I hope this fly will bring success to you too.



*Rudy's Improved Halfback*

### MATERIALS



<b>Hook:</b>	Mustad 9672 or equivalent - 3X Long Size 8 to 12
<b>Thread:</b>	Black or Brown
<b>Tail:</b>	Olive Marabou
<b>Body:</b>	Peacock Herl
<b>Back:</b>	Holographic Tinsel (UTC)
<b>Rib:</b>	Copper to match hook size
<b>Wingcase:</b>	Pheasant Tail
<b>Thorax:</b>	Peacock Herl
<b>Legs:</b>	Tips from wingcase material



**TYING INSTRUCTIONS**



Debarb the hook.  
Lay down a thread base.  
Add the marabou tail and rip to length.  
Add in order ... copper wire, holographic mylar, then peacock as a bunch or in a dubbing loop



Wrap the peacock herl forward 2/3 up the hook.  
Pull the mylar forward and tie off.  
Counter wrap the copper wire forward to make segments and clip off.  
Add facing back the pheasant tail to twice the length of the thorax.  
Tie in a few strands of peacock herl.



Wrap the peacock herl forward to form thorax.  
Clip excess.  
Pull the Pheasant tail forward to form wing case and tie off

*The Finished Flies*



Fold the Pheasant tips from the wing case back to form the legs. Secure with a few wraps of thread.  
Form a small thread head.  
Whip Finish and add a drop of head cement.



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