

OSPREY FLY BOX

JIG BUGGER

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I have made two trips up the Lillooet River in last couple of years and, with this version of the Jig-bugger, each time I was very successful catching sea-run cut-throat.

I have also caught bull trout and on one trip hooked something about 30 inches long which was probably a chinook. I have not tried it elsewhere but I assume that it will catch fish.

The fly suggests fry or sculpin. The key to the effectiveness of this fly is movement, so pick the softest (*but not webby*) parts of marabou and hackle you have. The olive and black barred silly legs add a lot of movement and the colouring helps with the suggestion that it is fry or sculpin.

There are number of ways to tie, and colours to use, in the Jig-Bugger; so tie some up and see what you catch.



MATERIALS



Hook:	60 Deg Jig Hook #12
Bead:	Black Tungsten Slotted 7/64" Bead
Thread:	Uni 6/0 Black
Tail:	Black Marabou
Body:	Black Hare's Ear (<i>or whatever works in a thin dubbing noodle</i>)
Rib:	Small Red Wire
Lateral Scale:	Barred Olive & Black Silly Legs
Hackle:	Black Schlappen (<i>or a soft hackle the length of the Shank</i>)

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Squeeze the barb, place bead on hook, clamp it into the vice and start thread. Lay down thread base to where the barb would be.



2. Select the finest marabou parts and group together for a tail about the length of the shank; tie in marabou tail and tie it up the shank 7/8ths the way to the bend before the eye.



3. Tie in red wire at the eye and wrap back along the shank to where the tail is tied down.



4. Start a thin black Hare's Ear dubbing noodle and wrap it forward along the shank to the 7/8ths position to form a thin even body.

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5. Counter wrap the red wire in nice even wraps over the dubbed body and tie down at the 7/8 ths position.



6. Tie in the silly legs just ahead of the body (in that last 1/8th of the shank); position one on each side to run laterally the length of fly to the end of the tail; level off the tie in to build a level base for the hackle.



7. Tie in the black Shlappen hackle just in front of the rubber legs.



8. Wrap the Shlappen 3 or 4 times, tie down and whip finish.

9. Finished Fly.



Tight Lines & Good Luck!