

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## Matador

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**Vision:** The vision in creating the Matador Fly was specifically to target Bull Trout. On previous trips to the Skagit River, we would see lots of Bull Trout and Brook Trout but couldn't entice them to bite our fly. Sometimes 1 or 2 Bull Trout would bite a certain type of Salmon fly or Leech fly but it wasn't consistent. So I decided to pick specific colors and patterns from a Leech and Salmon Fly to design the Matador Fly.

I based the design of the Matador Fly on a Coho Fly my friend Brian Dew (Blackwater Fishing Guide) taught me and previous successful flies that my friend Bruce Brandhorst and I have used to catch Bull Trout on the Skagit River.

I figured the fly pattern had to be approximately 3 inches long, weighted (Orange Tungsten Bead), have black and purple colors (Dyed UV Polar Black Chenille), a long seductive tail (UV2 Marabou Black Raven) with a hint of flash (Pearl Crystal Flash).



**Success with the Fly:** During the Osprey Flyfishers Fish Out; on the 2nd cast while stripping the Matador Fly I had a bite. On the 5th cast, I was able to hook and land a large Bull Trout. I was very surprised the fly worked great on Brook Trout too. After landing several Bull Trout and Brook Trout I gave Jack Hermkens, Ed Puzon, and Armand Landas each a Matador Fly. Armand was able to catch several Bull Trout and Brook Trout. Ed caught a nice Brook Trout but lost his Matador fly on a submerged tree. Unfortunately, Jack's Matador Fly caught a tree and lost it. I only tied 5 Matador Flies the night before so I wanted to keep a spare for myself. The success of the Matador fly is basically from my Fishing Buddies who taught me how to tie their Coho Fly and showed me their favourite secret Bull Trout fly.

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**How to fish it.** I used a 5wt. 8'6" Fly Rod with a Rio WF5S6 In Touch Deep 6 Sinking Line with a short 3 1/2 to 4 feet leader & tippet. My friends used various sinking lines Intermediate, Type 3 and Type 6.

### MATERIALS



List of Materials:

**Hook:** Size 6 2 XL Streamer hook

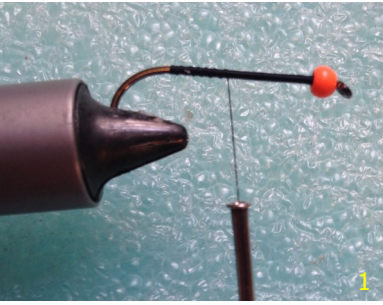
**Thread:** Black 140 Denier

**Bead:** Orange Tungsten Bead

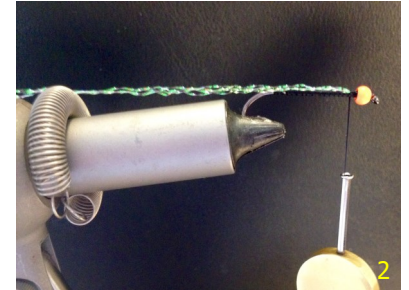
**Tail:** Pearl Crystal Flash / UV2 Black Marabou

**Body:** Black UV Polar Chenille

**TYING INSTRUCTIONS**



- Insert Orange Tungsten bead onto the debarbed hook.
- Wrap a base layer of thread on the hook down to the bend and then back to the bead.



- Take one strand of Crystal Flash, cut it in half and then wrap the two stands around the thread forming 4 strands.
- Wrap the flash down the hook shank to the bend.



- Tie in the black Marabou at the bend of the hook and secure up the length of the shank to the bead.
- Cut off the extra Marabou and return the thread to the bend.



- Tie in the UV Black Polar Chenille at the bend and return the thread up to the bead.



- Wrap the Chenille up to the bead making sure to pull the fibres to the rear as you wrap to have a flowing body with out trapped fibres.
- Tie off the Chenille and cut of the excess material.



- Perform a 5 turn Whip Finish and apply head cement.



- Hold the finished Matador fly in a pair of haemostats and with the hook eye up run under hot water to smooth the chenille strands, wipe off the excess water and let dry.
- Experiment with different colour beads, Brass, Black and Gold

*Tight Lines & Good Luck!*

