

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## MIKULAK SEDGE

*contributed by*

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When the weather warms up, the adult sedges start to hatch, there is no better fly to use than the Mikulak Sedge.

The Mikulak Sedge was dressed for the first time by Art Mikulak from Calgary, Alberta.

There are many versions of this fly, but the most important thing is the correct placement of the wings when tying. Try to tie the wings straight on top of the hook in three sections. I use different shades of olive seal's fur for dubbing. The brown hackle should be placed at the base of the third wing and the head of the fly is created from the hair butts. Trim the hair short in front of the hackle. The hackle should not be any longer than the gap of the hook. I then clip the hackle on the bottom. For the wings, I use deer or elk hair. Try not to overdress the fly. The best hook for this fly is Tiemco 5212 or 200R #6-#10.

This fly can be fished in dead drift or with hand twist retrieve.

I personally prefer casting into the feeding trout and with a quick movement of my wrist, I strip the fly creating small wake

which drives the trout to strike. I have caught a lot of fish using this method.



So, the next time you are planning a trip to interior lakes, do not forget to bring a selection of Mikulak Sedges in your fly box or you will miss a lot of fun.

Tight lines.

### MATERIALS



**Hook:** Tiemco 5212 or 200R, Mustad 94831  
Size #6 to #10

**Thread:** Olive 6/0 (to match dubbing)

**Tail:** Natural Elk Hair

**Body:** Seal's Fur - Olive or Green to match hatch

**Wing:** Natural Elk (three sections along the body)

**Hackle:** Brown Saddle

### TYING INSTRUCTIONS

*Photography by Peter Chatt*



### STACKING HAIR

- Take a small bundle of elk hair. Comb the under fur out of the hair using a mustache brush.
- Place hair in the hair stacker .... tips down.
- Tap on knee or a hard surface to evenly align tips.
- This method will be used for the tail and each of the three wing sections.

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*The Finished Fly*



*Mikulak Sedge*

- Debarb the hook.
- Lay a thread base to the bend of the hook
- Tie in natural elk hair for the tail.
  
- Dub the rear 1/4 of the hook with olive seal's fur. Move thread forward to the 1/2 way point of the hook.
  
- Stack a second bundle of elk hair. Tips of first section of wing should extend about half way back along tail. Pre-trim the butts and tie in at the 1/2 way point. Use thread tension to control the flaring of the elk hair as the thread is wound back to the dubbing.
- Dub seal's fur over the elk hair butts to the 1/2 way point of the hook. Move thread to the 3/4 point
- Prepare, stack and tie in a third bundle of elk hair in the same manner as described for first section of wing.
- Dub seal's fur over the elk hair butts to the 3/4 way point of the hook.
- Prepare and stack a fourth bundle of elk hair. Measure the wing so that the tips measure back about half way on the second wing. Do not pre-trim the hair butts. Tie in just behind the eye of the eye of the hook, securing the elk hair back to the end of the dubbing (*about an 1/8th of an inch*).
  
- Tie in the tip of the brown saddle hackle in front of wing. Wrap forward to the eye of the hook and trim.
- Trim the hackle below the hook so that it is flush with the body.
- Clip the elk hair butts over the eye of the hook to a sharp square nose that will push the water in a wake when retrieved.