

OSPREY FLY BOX

MOOSE HAIR SKATER

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This is a fly I use on the Dean River skating Dry flies for Steelhead. The pattern itself is from David Lambroughton who splits his year between British Columbia and New Zealand, with lots of stops in between. With cameras in his pack, he searches for photos and discoveries that he shares every year in his annual Fly Fishing Dreams Calendar that is sold all over the world.

Quote from David*"I started tying the Moose Hair Skater as I was looking for a smaller fly that would both go through the air easier than something like a Waller Waker and still be able to really push and plow the water."* I've tried them in different sizes but a size 6 on a Tiemco 105 Hook is perfect. It's been a very popular pattern with my sticky fingered friends and there's something a bit more organic about it over the foam rubber and rubber leg creations that the fans of Classic Flies often stray away from. It's also a very enjoyable pattern to tie."



MATERIALS



- Hook:** Tiemco 105 Hook #4-#8
- Thread:** Uni 6/0 Red
- Tail:** Moose Hair
- Body:** Chenille or dubbing (*Lambroughton prefers Orange Ice Dubbing*)
- Back:** Moose Hair
- Side Wing:** Moose Hair Stubs
- Wing:** Moose Hair

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Start the thread on the hook and cover the shank of the hook down to the bend.
2. Cut a small bunch of Moose Hair from the hide, remove the under fur and stack. Place the stacked hair on top of the hook shank to form a tail about a shank length back from the bend.



3. Cut a slightly larger bunch of Moose Hair from the hide, remove the under fur and stack. Place the stacked hair on top of the hook shank with 3X the length of the shank out over the tail, bind down about 2/3rds of the shank returning the thread to the tail.
4. Dub the body up to the 1/3rd point.



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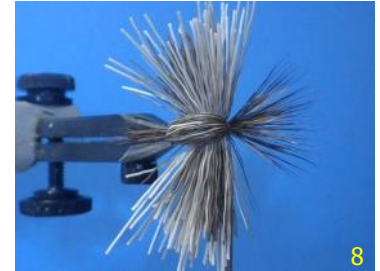
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5. Cut a large bunch of Moose Hair from the hide, remove the under fur and cut the fine tips off. Separate the clump in half and flip one half to mix the finer ends with the courser ones. Place the mixed clump on top of the shank at the 1/3rd point and figure eight the clump to the top of the shank to bind and splay the hair on top of the hook shank. Make sure its bound down tightly.



6. From Above.
7. Grab the long Moose hair that is back over the tail and pull it over the body to the eye. Bind the tips down out over the eye to flare the hair. Put several thread wraps under the hair to prop it up.



8. From Above.
9. Whip finish under the front wing and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the whip finish. Using a quarter as a reference cut the moose hair slightly smaller than the quarter with the back of the circle at the bend of the hook.



10. From Above.
11. From Below.



Tight Lines & Good Luck!