

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## PICK-YER-POCKET INTRUDER

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The Pick-Yer-Pocket was developed by Brian Kite who guides in Alaska and Northern Washington. A major challenge with big flies is the difficult marriage between size versus weight, i.e., the bigger the fly, the heavier it is causing a lot of grief on the river when casting. The great thing about the Pick-Yer-Pocket is that it carries a big presence in the water, gets down deep but does not carry a lot of weight resistance when casting. The segmentation of the rear and front sections of the fly separated by the body gives the fly a different look through out the swing, and the use of the long saddles and Amherst pheasant tail feather fibers establish that tasty silhouette in the water.

### Fishing It ...

Fish these flies with classic swing methods. Flies of this nature cast easier with two-hand rods than single hand rods. As long as you are making nice straight casts and controlling the swing speed, the fly will do all of the work. The weight of the eyes incorporated in these patterns give them the sink rate to be effective in most current speeds and depths. A key to making

this fly demand attention in the water is the exact placement of the various layers of life breathing materials.. Over dressing the fly will cause materials to mat together and not swim properly, the key with this style of fly is allowing the sparsely tied materials do the work in the water. These flies have a definite squid-like appearance in the water. Kite finds the Pick-Yer-Pocket a great fly for year round steelhead fishing, and as the name suggests, you can feel confident fishing it behind someone in the river!!

### Colors ....

You can fish this in any color combination your mind is able to fathom if you choose to tie this fly yourself. However, the basic steelhead colors are Black, Orange, Pink and Purple.

Experiment with different color combinations. Also, the trailer hook can be tied in so that it fishes up or down.

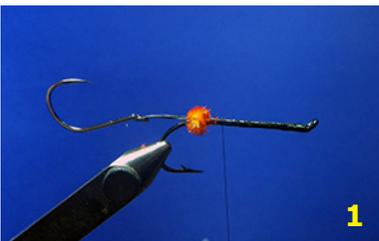
A great looking fly that will definitely catch the attention of many anglers, and hopefully, a steelhead now and again!

### MATERIALS



- Hook:** Waddington Shank or Mustad 36890 #1/0 or #2/0 (*Foundation of fly as bend and point are cut off*)
- Trailer Hook:** Owner Octopus #1 or #2
- Thread:** Black or colour matching the fly.
- Loop:** Berkley Fireline - 30 or 50 lb.
- Butt:** Medium Orange Chenille
- Tail & Wing:** Orange Bucktail, Four Orange Grizzly Hackle, Orange Lady Amherst tail fibres.
- Body:** Orange Super Bright Dubbing (*or substitute*)
- Eyes:** Psuedo Eyes (*or silver/gold dumbbell eyes*)
- Head:** Super Bright Dubbing wrapped around eyes.

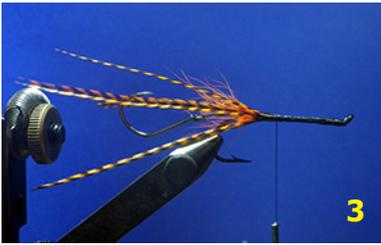
### TYING INSTRUCTIONS



- Lay down a thread base on foundation hook.
- Double a length of Fireline. Feed the loop through the eye of the Octopus Hook, over the point and pull tight.
- Slide the Fireline though the eye of the foundation hook until the trailer hook is approximately 1 inch behind the bend of the hook. Fold the fireline back along bottom of hook and tie in along entire shank of hook. Coat the tread wraps with Zap-A-Gap.
- Tie in a small piece of chenille and make one or two tight wrapps to form a small "ball".
- Tie in a small clump of bucktail and spread around the shank. Tie in close to the chenille to flare the bucktail.



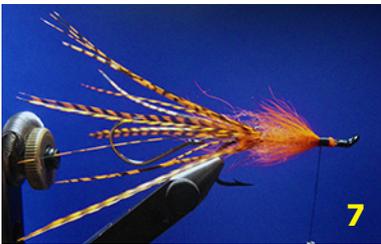
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- Tie in four long grizzly hackles that extend beyond the trailer hook by about an inch, one on each side of the hook.



- Tie in a small strip of Lady Amherst Pheasant Tail, make one wrap and tie off. Clip the excess. Stroke the fibres back. Alternatively, individual fibres can be tied in around the shank.



- Form a dubbing loop with your finger and bring the thread back around hook. Lock the loop in by going around the base of the loop at the hook shank with the bobbin & thread. Wrap the thread forward.
- Prepare the dubbing material and place inside the loop. Gently spin the loop, trapping and spinning the dubbing hank within. Be careful not to over-twist the loop. Tease the dubbing within the spun dubbing loop.
- Wrap the dubbing loop along the shank leaving enough room for the eyes and head.
- Tie in a small clump of bucktail and spread around the shank. Tie in close to the dubbed body to flare the bucktail.



- Tie in four long grizzly hackles that extend to the bend of the trailer hook, one on each side of the hook.



- Tie in a section of dyed Lady Amherst pheasant tail and wrap, or add individual fibres around the shank of the hook, stroking the fibres backwards.



- Tie in the dumbbell eyes with figure eight wraps.

- Form another dubbing loop with the dubbing material.
- Build up a head with the dubbing loop, wrapping the loop behind, through and in front of the eyes.
- Whip finish and add a drop of head cement.
- Remove from the vise and cut the bend and point of the foundation hook off with side cutters.



*The Finished Fly*

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*Tight Lines & Good Luck!*