

OSPREY FLY BOX

RED THORAX HALFBACK NYMPH

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The Halfback Nymph is one of the most versatile and effective British Columbia patterns as it imitates a wide variety of nymphs.

This variation has a Red Thorax which is believed to act as an "attractor".

I have used the fly with success on Interior BC Lakes during the spring, summer and fall.

Fish this fly near weed beds or the shore in water ranging from one to six feet deep.

Typically, it is fished on a floating line with a sink tip. Use a slow retrieve with occasional fast pulls.

This fly can be weighted or unweighted, depending on the fishing depth.

Tight lines and good luck.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

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- Debarb the hook.
- Lay down a thread base. Make small ball at rear of hook. For thread rib, leave 4 inches of thread.
- Tie in Goose Biots along sides of hook from eye.
- Dub rear two thirds of hook with black dubbing.
- Tie in the Goose Quill for the wing case.
- Tie in Red Wool on underside of hook shank.
- Continue dubbing towards eye of hook. Build thorax up with dubbing for bulk.
- Tie in the black hackle by the tip and wind 4 or 5 times to give fibrous legs.
- Tie off saddle hackle and clip excess. Fold hackle fibers back and secure with a couple wraps.
- Bring red wool forward on underside, separating hackle fibres evenly and tie off behind eye of hook. Clip excess.
- Bring goose quill forward to form wing case, again separating the hackle fibers evenly to either side. Tie down and trim excess.
- Form a small thread head. Whip finish and apply head cement.



Underside of fly showing Red Thorax

MATERIALS



- Hook:** Mustad 9671 - Sizes #8 to #12
Thread: 8/0 Black
Tail: Black Goose Biots
Body: Thin Black Chenille or Black Dubbing
Thorax: Red Wool or Red Chenille
Legs: Black Hackle
Wing Case: Goose Quill or Turkey Quill