

OSPREY FLY BOX

Shredge

contributed by

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A few years ago Art Lingren's book, 'Contemporary fly patterns of British Columbia' inspired me to tie some of the patterns. I decided on one of the patterns of Ken Ruddick, the 'Shredge'

A broad-spectrum nymph pattern I have successfully fished on lakes using a clear line in the shallows or a deeper sinking line on the drop offs.

This pattern uses a blended mixture of seals fur which can be done by hand continually pulling the fibres apart over and over until an even colour blend is achieved.

A simpler and quicker method is to use an old coffee grinder to blend the material. Once blended put in a zip lock bag.



MATERIALS



List of Materials:

- Hook - Tiemco TMC 3761 #10 1XL
- Thread - Ultra Thread #70 Yellow-Olive
- Tail - Brown Hackle Fibres
- Rib - Fine Gold Wire
- Body - Seal's Fur 60% Dark Olive & 40% Yellow
- Wing Case - Brown Hackle Fibres
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TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. De-barb the hook and place in vice.

2. Lay down a thread base along the length of the hook. Tie in 8 to 10 hackle fibres for a tail about 2 hook gaps long.



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3. On one side, tie in the gold wire.
4. Use a coffee grinder to blend 60% dark olive and 40% yellow. Put the blended seals fur into a new packet or dubbing dispenser box for future flies.



5. Wet your fingers and place the dubbing on to the thread remembering to only roll your finger in one direction.



6. Wind the blended seal fur forward along the hook shank approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the body. Tie off and put any unused dubbing back in your container for the next fly.



7. Counter wind the rib of gold wire $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the body. Using your thumb brace the wire and using the other hand helicopter the wire to break it off clean. Add a couple more wraps of thread to completely cover the wire.

8. Tie in a clump of hackle fibres to form the wing and clip the excess.



9. Whip finish and trim back any straggler fibres beneath the body of the fly in the hook gap. Apply head cement.

Tight Lines & Good Luck!