

OSPREY FLY BOX

SIMPLE GENERAL PRACTITIONER

by Steve Hanson

The General Practitioner has been a very successful fly for Steelhead for decades.

This version of it was shown to me by Tyson Gogel in the early 1990's, I have fished this in the three colours on both Winter Rivers and Summer Rivers especially the Dean for summers

Fishing this fly can be for either summer or winter.

- Summer - dry line long leader slimmer fly
- Winter – Sink tips, or heads with 3'-4' leader larger and bushy with lots of movement



MATERIALS



- Hook:** Eagle River Salmon, 2/0 to 8
(Any streamer hook with a turned up eye)
- Thread:** Unithread Flame Orange or Black
- Tail:** Polar Bear or Bucktail to match the body.
Optional: Add a few fibers of Crystal Hair.
- Cara Pace:** Golden Pheasant tippet dyed Orange.
- Body:** Seal Fur or Wool.
- Rib:** Golden Oval Tinsel
- Hackle:** Webby, long, colour to match the body
- Wing:** Golden Pheasant or Ring Neck Pheasant Rump dyed to match the body.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



- Debarb the hook
- Wrap a base of thread on the hook.
- Tie the tail almost as long as the hook.
- Tie in the Crystal Flash if wanted.
- Tie in the Golden pheasant tippet.
- Tie in the Golden Oval Tinsel

Acceptable Hooks

- Tiemco7999 2/0 - 8
- Mustad 36890
- Partridge 3N Low water
- Eagle River Salmon
- Gama Katsu T-10
- Daiichi 2441

TYING INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)



Tie in the hackle, wet style.



Dub the Seal Fur or wrap the wool forward to the eye.



Wind 5 to 7 wraps of oval tinsel forward to the eye.

Tie the orange hackle in from the tip.



Palmer the hackle forward against the oval tinsel, with three extra wraps at the eye.



Next step can be done in two ways

- Clip the top off the hackle
- Fold and pull the hackles down.

Select two rump feathers the length of the body.

Tie them in separately and clip.

The Finished Fly



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Form a thread head.

Whip finish and apply head cement.

TYER'S NOTE

When applying the rump feathers in the last step, clean your feathers and thread through the up eye which helps hold the feathers centered and straight three wraps then clip and then form the head.