

OSPREY FLY BOX

SIX PACK
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This is my take on the "Six Pack" which was first tied about 1963.

THE SIX PACK

This rather special variation of Colonel Carey's fly is the brainchild of Mr Karl Haufler and Mr Roy Patrick.

They select those rump feathers of the Chinese pheasant which have the tips mottled, giving a salt and pepper effect, and dye those to a special shade of olive green in a decoction of onion skin. The fly is tied on a size 10 hook, 4X long, as in the Self Carey.



The name derives from a "six pack" of beer. The inventors of the fly had run out of this important beverage and were far from a source of re-supply. Other anglers envious of their success with the fly and better supplied with beer, induced them to exchange one for the other.

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I tie it with Ringneck Pheasant Rump fibres for the tail, body and collar. Gold rib keeps it all together and stronger. It's very simple to tie.

I tie it on sizes 3XL streamer hooks - Mustad R73-9671 - sizes #6 through #12.



I fish it usually on an intermediate line. I had a fantastic day on one of the Kamloops backyard lakes (*Pass Lake*) quite a few years ago. Cast after cast, I was into five to six pounders pretty steady one afternoon. It's been one of my favourite patterns ever since.

Actually, "6pack" is my handle on the flybc.ca forum.

MATERIALS



- Hook:** Mustad R73-9671
Size: #6 to #12.
- Tail:** Pheasant Rump
- Rib:** Silver or Gold Oval Tinsel
- Body:** Pheasant Rump
- Collar:** Pheasant Rump (*shorter*)



Onion Skin



Olive



Tumeric (*Yellow*)

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

Photography by Peter Chatt



- Debarb the hook.
- Lay down a thread base along the length of the hook.
- Tie in the oval tinsel.
- Pick out one large rump feather lay it on hook allowing it to hang over to form the tail. Tie it down and then wind thread forward to eye of hook.



- With moist fingers, lightly twist the feather to form a loose rope.
- Wrap it forward to the eye of the hook.
- Tie off and clip the excess.



- Counter wind the oval tinsel forward to the eye of the hook.
- Tie off and clip the excess.



- Select a rump feather with shorter fibres and stroke the fibres back.
- Tie in by the tip.

The Finished Fly



- Make a couple wraps, stroking the fibres back with each turn.
- Tie off and clip the excess.
- Form a small thread head.
- Whipfinish and add a drop of head cement.

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