

The Osprey Flybox

“Tied Down Pink Fry”

By Doug Wright

*Another fantastic summer has come and gone and now we are faced with a few local options to sustain our fly fishing addiction during the fall and winter. This year hosted the pink salmon run for us here in the lower mainland and as spring emerges next year, the offspring will hatch and flurry throughout the local rivers, providing themselves as a food source along with the chum fry to the coastal cutthroat trout. During this period of time, the cutthroat usually key-in on this newly available food source, offering exciting fly fishing to those equipped with a suitable imitation. This month, **Steve Hanson** shares a pattern of his designed primarily for this situation.*

“Gil Sage and myself used this pattern on the Bella Coola River this March-April. It was almost an exact imitation of the pink fry that were migrating down the river. Instead of dyed mallard flank, I used Fluoro Fibre for the back to make the fly more durable. With all the pink fry around next spring, give this pattern a try.”

Hook:	Mustad 9672 #8, Tiemco 5263 #6
Thread:	Gudebrod Olive 6/0-8/0
Body:	Small silver mylar tubing
Wing:	Dark Olive Fluoro Fibre (olive shown in pictures below)
Eyes:	1.5mm Stick On Eyes
Head:	Thread built up and covered with 24 hour epoxy

De-barb the hook. Cut a piece of the mylar tubing that is slightly longer than shank length for the body of the fly.



Place the tubing onto the hook shank, start your tying thread and bind the body down at the rear and head of the fly.



With your tying thread at the head of the fly, tie in a good portion of dark olive Fluoro Fibre for the wing/back of the fly. Build up a neat, round head with your tying thread as a solid foundation for the eyes and head of the fly. Whip finish and reattach your tying thread at the rear of the fly.



Bind down the wing, whip finish, and trim the excess of the tail so that it is about 1/4". Add prismatic stick on eyes to either side of the head and coat with epoxy.

