

OSPREY FLY BOX

YOUNGE'S FIREFLY

contributed by

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My introduction to this fly came in the 70's in my early days of fly fishing when I was influenced personally by Jim Kilburn, Pete Broomhall, and Bill Young.

This Steelhead fly can be tied with or without Jungle Cock Eyes, which are expensive and difficult to find. Also large Oval Tinsel can be used for the rib.

My reference for the fly pattern is "The Complete Kilburn" (Copyright 2003 by BC Federation of Fly Fishers)



MATERIALS



- Hook:** Mustad 9002 Limerick Bend Hook #2
- Thread:** Uni 6/0 Black
- Tail:** Hot-Orange fibres
(stripped from a large saddle hackle)
- Body:** Salmon-Red Fluorescent Chenille
- Rib:** Silver, Medium Tinsel
- Overwing:** White Marabou Plume
- Shoulders:** Jungle Cock Eyes *(Optional)*

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Start the thread on the hook and cover the hook shank down to just in front of the pinched barb.



2. Pull about 12 fibres from the Hot Orange Saddle Hackle and form about a gap width length tail.



3. Tie in the Silver Tinsel *(or Oval Tinsel)*. If using two sided tinsel, tie with the gold side up. Return the thread to about two eye widths back from the eye.



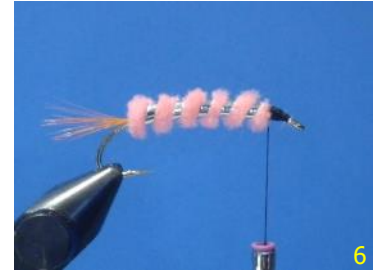
4. Tie in the Chenille and bind down to the start of the tail. Return the thread to the tie in point.

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5. Wrap the Chenille in close touching turns up to the thread and Tie off. Cut the Excess.



6. Wrap the Silver Tinsel up in open spirals, Tie off and cut the excess.



7. Isolate the tip of a Saddle Hackle feather and tie in, folding the tip back over and tying it down. Cut the excess tip off.



8. Fold the Hackle with your fingers and wrap to form a full collar. Tie off and cut the excess.



9. Strip about a dozen fibres from a white Marabou plume and tie in so the tips extend to just shy of the tips of the tail and then bind them to the shank. Tie off and cut the excess material.



10. Build a small neat head, whip finish and apply a drop of Head Cement to seal the head.

11. Option with Jungle Cock Shoulders. *(Picture from Flytyingguild.com)*



Tight Lines & Good Luck!