
FLY OF THE MONTH

THE MCGINTY

Hook:	TMC 3761 or any heavy wire hook 1X long, sizes 14 to 10
Thread:	Black or yellow 8/0 or 6/0
Tail:	Barred teal flank over red hackle fibers
Body:	One strand each of medium black and yellow chenille
Hackle:	Brown or furnace
Wings:	Sections of white tipped mallard secondary quills - one left and one right



1. Wrap the shank of the hook with thread. Tie on a few fibers of red hackle feathers at the bend of the hook and then tie a few fibers of barred teal flank or mallard flank on top of the red fibers forming a sparse tail which should be the full length of the hook.
2. Tie in a length of yellow and a length of black chenille in front of the tail. Allow enough chenille so you can wrap it on top of the hook shank up to just behind the eye. Be sure to allow enough room for the hackle and the wings plus the head.
3. Wrap both pieces of chenille forward at the same time in close turns. Tie off the chenille and clip the excess.
4. Attach the hackle in front of the body. You can tie it on by the tip section or the but section, whichever is easier for you. Make about three turns of hackle in front of the body wet fly style.
5. Select a matching pair of white tipped mallard secondary quills. Cut a section from the same part of each quill. Be sure to get some of the white tip of the feather in your sections. The wings should be no wider than the gap of the hook. They can be narrower. Tie the wing sections on top of the shank just in front of the hackle.
6. Form a neat tapered thread head. Whip finish and apply head cement.

The wings on The McGinty can be tied cocked down or up. Both styles are acceptable.

The McGinty does not represent anything in particular except maybe a bee. Originally it was tied as a trout fly. The fly was popular when wet flies were the patterns of choice. It is now mostly used as a pan fish pattern. It is a good fly to use when fishing for blue gill. It will also still catch trout. If your fishing for blue gill cast it out and don't retrieve it, just twitch it a bit. The McGinty must represent something; something blue gill like.

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