
FLY OF THE MONTH

Thread:	Dark or Fire Orange, 6/0 or 3/0
Thorax:	Dark wool dubbing (could build up thread)
Tail and underbody:	Elk hair
Hackle:	Furnace
Overwing:	Light or bleached elk hair
Hook:	Tiemco 200R or RBL (preferred) or Mustad 80050; size 6 or 4 (have tied small as 12)
Body:	Orange yarn
Underwing:	Pearl Krystal Flash
Ribbing:	Undersized furnace hackle; Cross-wrapped with fine copper or gold wire



Tying Instructions

1. Wrap a thread base on the hook from eye to bend, then back to 2/3 position.
2. Clean, stack, and tie in a small bunch of elk hair, about thickness of a matchstick.
3. Attach elk hair at 2/3 position, long enough to leave a short tail. Wrap back to bend, holding elk hair at a slight angle so that the bunch stays on top of hook, and does not flair to much. Cut off the butt ends (up front), then wrap thread back to the tie-in, wrapping over the cut ends.
4. Tie in a strand of orange yarn and wrap it back to tail. Now tie in a fine copper wire and an undersized saddle hackle (size 16?). Wrap yarn forward to the 2/3-point and tie off. Palmer hackle forward to the 2/3-point and tie it off. Then wrap the wire forward, opposite direction of the hackle to help secure the hackle. (a la elk-hair caddis).
5. Tie in 2 or 3 strand of Krystal Flash, double them over and make a few more wraps, leaving an underwing of 4-6 strands. Cut Krystal Flash to about body length. Clean and stack a bunch of light elk hair. Tie in the elk hair to form a wing. Don't let it spin, but tighten it so it flairs somewhat, just so that top half of the body is covered by wing. Cut hair butts at an angle, then wrap over with thread to form a nice tapered platform for thorax.
6. Tie in the hackle next to the wing base. Dub heavily some dark wool on the thread, and form a tapered thorax, wrapping to just behind the eye of the hook. Brush back any unruly wool. Palmer the hackle onto the dubbed thorax, 6 or 7 turns. Tie down just behind the eye and whip finish.

This is an effective pattern for adult stoneflies. It floats well in spite of a fairly heavy look. Trout take these dry flies explosively when Stonefly, Salmonfly, and Caddis are around. There are a plethora of Simulator patterns, some are considered Searching patterns while others are Imitative patterns.

As my mentor Tom Smith says, this is a good Republican pattern; it goes to work for you the minute you take it out of your box, it earns it's keep, and returns great dividends.

Rip-a-Lip Terry

This "Fly of the Month" was done by one of our members, Terry Loose.

Terry took the beginning fly tying class about a year ago. I had seen some of the Stimulators he had tied and was really impressed. They were better than mine, so I asked him to do the "Fly of the Month" using his Stimulator pattern.

Those of us who taught the class, Larry Sorenson, Gary Hilbers and myself feel gratified when one of our students ties a better looking fly than we do. Way to go Terry.

If any of our members has a special pattern and would like to do a "Fly of the Month" Please give me a call 619-659-1443 and I'll help you make it happen.

Good fishing and tying,
Tom Smith

