

OSPREY FLY BOX

GREEN MACHINE

contributed by
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I've never been a great coho fisherman by any means. Matter of fact, I've never had a whole lotta luck catching them, so when my former fishing bud moved to the other side of the Rockies a long time ago I pretty much gave up pursuing them. Getting up five days a week for work at 5 am or earlier, I just didn't have the drive to get up early on the weekend to go flog the water in the cold pissing rain only to get skunked. *(It's funny when I remember coho fishing more than 10 years ago it was always cold, raining and windy, generally NOT a lotta fun.)*

Now that I'm retired and don't have to get up early for work, I figured this might be a good time to try coho fishing again. Mike, a friend of mine fishes for coho a LOT and does well, he told me his "go to" fly is the Green Machine. I dusted off my tying stuff and whipped some up and tried them out at the October fish-out on a slime line. And what do you know ... I was rewarded with a nice little coho! Since that day I've been out a few more times and now I'm a believer, this fly works.

The fly is basically JAWB (*Just Another Woolly Bugger*) and looks a lot similar to the California Neil which Mike didn't know about when he came up with the pattern. I asked Mike about the origins of the fly, this is what he said:

"I made it up years ago when I found out coho like chartreuse. After we hooked coho on a black woolly worm, I went home & experimented and tied up my first Green Machine. I tried it in the Nicomen Slough with excellent success. Everyone I have given it to has had good success with it."

MATERIALS



- Hook:** Mustad 9672 or TMC 5263 Size #6 - #8
- Thread:** Red 6/0
- Bead:** Gold Bead (size to match hook)
- Tail:** Pink Krystal Flash
- Rib:** Gold Wire
- Body:** Chartreuse Diamond Braid
- Hackle:** Natural Grizzly Saddle

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

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- Debarb hook and, slide on bead, small hole toward eye.
- Start thread behind bead and wrap back to form a thread base.
- Tie in a small clump of Krystal flash for the short tail
- Tie in the gold wire for the rib.
- Prepare grizzly hackle by stripping one side off. Tie in by tip.
- Tie in diamond braid for the body along the top of the hook.
- Move thread up the bead, wrap diamond braid up to bead, tie off and trim.
- Palmer the grizzly saddle hackle forward to the bead. Tie off and clip excess.
- Counter wind the wire forward over the palmered hackle. Try to avoid trapping hackle fibers under the wire. Tie in and trim off at bead.
- Whip finish a nice head and apply head cement.



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The Finished Fly



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