

The Osprey Fly Box

by Will Wright

“The Lazy Rider”

This month's fly is one given to me by a certain member of our club who always manages to do quite well, no matter where he ventures, especially while fishing local streams for cutthroat trout and coho. Stan Ogden has been using this pattern he calls the Lazy Rider, which he originally tied for use on the Skagit River for the last twenty-five years with great results. He finds it has proven successful on numerous rivers and lakes throughout the province and has fooled species such as rainbows, cutties, brown trout in Yellowstone, white fish, steelhead, not to mention dollys and even squawfish.

Stan classifies himself as a lazy tier so he wanted to find a dry fly that worked well and was easy to tie, hence the name. He's not too particular as to what type of hook he uses, what type of hackle, and doesn't even take the time to stack the deer hair, proving once again, sometimes simpler is better!

Stan recommends his creation be fished as you would any dry fly and advises not to give up on it should it sink below the surface of a lake, just keep stripping it in, often times the result will be a hungry rainbow dancing on the end of your line.

Hook: Any light wire hook, size 8-16
Tail: Deer hair
Body: Deer hair
Hackle: Any good quality dry.



For this fly, simply tie in a clump of deer hair with the tips extending out past the eye of the hook, fold it back forming the body and tail and lash it down as you would the body of a minnow. Wrap a hackle or 2 in front of the deer hair and you're done.