

OSPREY FLY BOX

COHO BUGGER

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You know what it's like when you go to your favorite fishery, and you take someone to a new place and they bring some flies along flies they'd been told about or researched on line. Then they start hooking fish and you're not? Inevitably, the subtle "What are you using? comes out. Hmm a fly I've never seen or used before!!!!

One is offered to you so it goes into the fly box (*no angler would ever admit they did not know the best flies for THEIR favorite spot*). I continue with what I was doing regardless of the success next to me.

So, last fall, I'm fishing the Harrison and I decide to try the fly that Henri had given me the previous year first cast and a beautiful coho is brought to hand.

I was sold! I went home that day and tied a handful in red, copper and silver flies.

Using this fly in these colours last season, I hooked four Coho, lots of cutthroat and more whitefish or pike minnow (???) than I could count.

I love this fly! Thanks Henri and Kelly. Henri had received it from Kelly at Searun .

It's called Kelly's Coho Bugger

MATERIALS



- Hook:** Mustad R73 - 9671
Size: #4 - 10
- Thread:** Burnt Orange / Tan 6/0
- Bead:** Copper Cone Head
Size to match hook.
- Tail:** Copper Flashabou
- Body:** UV Copper Polar Chenille
- Rib:** Copper Wire

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

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- Debarb the hook.
- Slide on the cone bead.
- Wrap a thread base on the hook.
- Add a bundle of copper flashabou. Lay it flat on the hook. Tie in the middle then fold the remainder back locking it to the hook shank.
- Tie in the copper wire for the rib.
- Tie in the polar chenille.



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- Wrap the polar chenille forward to the bead. Stroke the fibres back as the chenille is wound forward. Tie off and clip excess.
- Wrap the copper wire forward as a rib. Using the dubbing needle to keep the chenille fibres from getting trapped under the wire.
- Tie off and clip the excess wire.
- Make the head behind the copper bead.
- Whipfinish and add a drop head cement.

NOTE: Tie in Silver and Red as well.



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The Finished Fly



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