

OSPREY FLY BOX

OSTRICH HERL

tied & contributed by

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This is one of my favourites – a very effective trout fly and a simple fly to tie.

It imitates several nymph varieties from Damsels to Mayflies. I credit this fly with providing me a number of double-digit days in July and August on our interior lake waters.

I usually fish it with a long leader under an indicator - though it is also productive casting parallel the shoreline about 10 to 15 feet out, letting it sink and slowly stripping it in.

It stands up very well, though once the bead is scratched and it shows flash coming through it's time to change it up.



MATERIALS



Hook:	Tiemco 3761 1Xlong Nymph Hook #16
Bead:	5/64" Black Tungsten
Thread:	Dark Brown UTC 70
Tail:	Ostrich Mini Plume Natural Grey
Body:	Ostrich Mini Plume Natural Grey
Rib:	Extra Fine Copper Wire

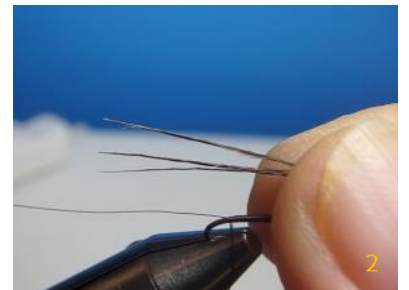
TYING INSTRUCTIONS ...



1. Pinch the barb, put the bead on your hook and tie your rib in on the far side of your hook from behind the bead to the start of the bend of the hook.



2. Pull 3 long Ostrich Herl plumes off the stem and carefully align the tips. You want to choose herl fibres that have fine pointed tips rather than any which may be blunted. Tie them in on top of your hook extending 1/2" beyond the hook bend. When tying in the plumes, wrap thread forward three turns to secure them, then fold the herl back over your tie in point and wrap thread back over the fold. This will hide your tie in point when you wrap the herl forward.
3. Move your thread up the hook behind the bead. Now pull down on the herl lightly and with all three pieces of herl between your thumb and fingers spin them to form a tight herl brush. Wrap the spun herl forward with touching wraps and tie off behind the bead.
4. Make 6 wraps with your rib & tie off behind the bead. Put your thumbnail on the wire, twist it off and whip-finish.



Tight Lines & Good Luck!