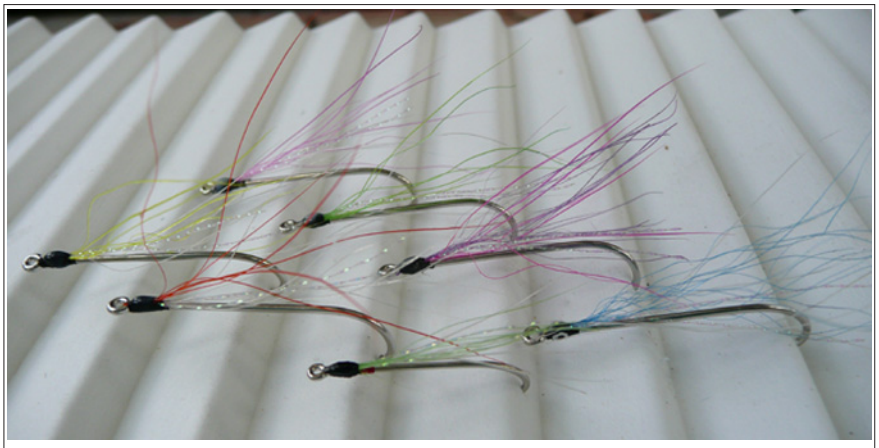
Osprey Fly Box

Nuthin' To It

by Ed Stefanison



As you can see there's really nothing to it!

I developed, or should I say under developed this fly, during one of my many trips to the Oyster River estuary in the month of August. Originally I was taught to use epoxy flies as they were very durable and were the "standard" for fishing Pinks on the beach. One of my acquaintances that I would meet every year, Ed *(I can't remember his last name)* from the Cowichan Fly Fishers, introduced me to these simple patterns; however, much more heavily dressed. I found by under dressing the fly to the point of looking like almost nothing, I would out fish most other fly fishermen including Ed.

Obviously this is a clear water fly which I use for beach fishing and river fishing in high visibility conditions —usually with a slime line or floating with a long leader. Although it looks like nothing, once you see it through the water it appears like a small bait fish *(needle fish)* darting through the water. The hook itself acts as the shiny silver body.

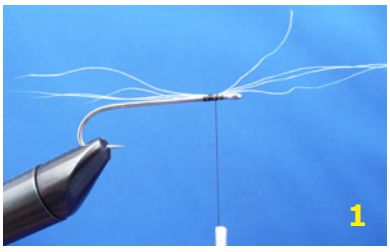
For slow fishing activity conditions *(i.e. slack tide or porpoising fish in the river)*, try dead drifting this pattern on a floating or camo tip line. I use size 8 and 6 hooks for Pinks however size 8 usually ends up in fewer hook ups or pull outs due to the small gap. Coho size 6 and 4 and Chum size 4 and 2.

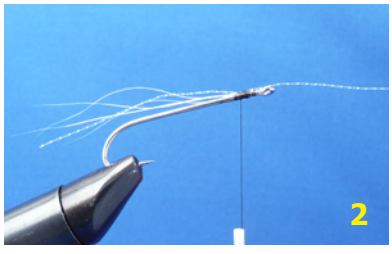
Try different colour combinations as well *(eg. Purple over Pink)*. I have had great success in all sorts of clear water situations when nothing else seemed to work.

Probably the most fun I've had with this fly is when another fly fisherman comes over to look at what you are using and gives you a bullshitter look when you show him. Some people just don't get it. Always give it a try and I'm sure you'll have some magic moments.

Materials & Instructions







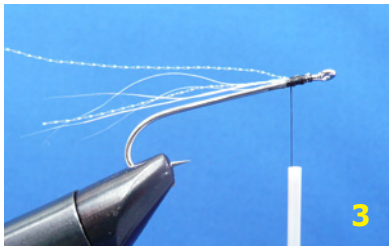
Hook: Teimco 9394 size 8,6,4,or2.

Thread: Uni- thread Black 6/0

Wing: Green or any other colour Polar Bear over White *(4 to 10 hairs of each .... maximum)*
Two strands of Krystal Flash or Accent Flash.

Head: Black Uni-thread.

Tier's Note: When tying in the Krystal flash use a single strand put it in place one or two wraps then fold it back over it gives you two strands and locks it into place. (also saves material)



The Finished Fly



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