Osprey Fly Box

The Falk

contributed by

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This fly has been a saviour over the years. On those evenings when nothing seems to work, this fly has paid off. It fishes both dry and wet.

I have used it on the Thompson with good success, and on one occasion it was the only fly that worked on Mahood Lake.

It was July 1st when the lake first opened for rainbows. My fishing partner an I took the long eleven mile trip down to the outlet of Mahood Lake. It was a hot, windless day and nothing was moving.

Around noon a few large (2") Salmon Flies appeared. The have a very orange abdomen. No one was raising fish but a soon as we put the Falk on, we got one of those large rainbows every cast. The fish were two to four pounds each.

On one our trips, we even hooked a lake trout that came up to the fly. My late father always had me tie these flies for cutthroats in the Campbell River area.

This fly can also be tied with olive and brown bodies.

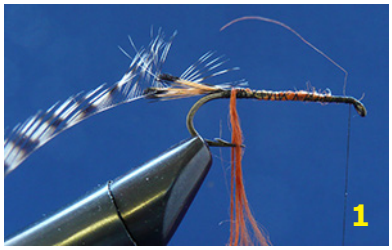
Materials



Hook:	Streamer Hook 3 XL Size #8 - #14
Thread:	8/0 Black
Tail:	Golden Pheasant tippets
Body:	Burnt Orange Floss
Hackle:	Grizzly Saddle
Wing:	Deer Hair

Tying Instructions

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- Debarb the hook and lay down a thread base.
- Tie in several Golden Pheasant Tippet fibres for the tail.
- Strip the fibres off one side of a Grizzly saddle hackle and tie in by the tip.
- Tie in the Burnt Orange Floss.
- Wrap the floss forward to the eye of the hook. Tie off and clip the excess.
- Palmer the grizzly hackle forward to the eye of the hook. Tie off and clip the excess.
- Comb the underfur out of a nice clump of Deer Hair.
- Stack the deer hair to even the tips.
- Position on the hook so that the tips of the deer hair do not extend beyond the tail.
- Hold securely on top of the hook to ensure hair does not spin around the hook when tied in. Tie in with a few tight wraps behind the eye of the hook. Whip finish and add a drop of head cement.
- Trim the butt ends of the deer hair to finish the fly.



The Finished Fly



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