

OSPREY FLY BOX

BLACK PENNELL

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Its hard to describe the feeling you get catching your first fish on a fly you've tied yourself.

My fly fishing journey started different than most. I think everyone else started by picking up a fly rod and some flies at a local store, then after awhile decided to tie their own flies. Mine was backwards, while up at the cabin, shortly after being diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis, my wife Lynda suggested I do something to help keep my fingers active. As she is an Occupational Therapist and after she'd talked to a fellow cabin owner, who was a fly fisherman, she suggested I start tying flies.

I got a very simple fly tying kit. I went to the Library, took out a beginners Fly tying book for some recipes. After tying about 50 different flies, not very good I might add,



Lynda presented me with a very cheap fly rod from Walmart.

I went out on the Lake with my rod and a variety of flies from my collection to see if I could actually catch a fish. Low and behold after about 15 minutes of trolling around there was a tug on my line, was it a snag or could it be a fish? I reeled it in and there was the little beauty. I do mean Little. After a quick picture, I revived the wee little beastie, released it back into the Lake and proudly watch it swim away.

The fly I'd used was a Scottish Fly called the Black Pennell I'd found in the Library book I'd taken out. This fly will always have a special place in my box as being the first fly I'd tied and caught a fish with. So just like that the obsession was born.

MATERIALS



- Hook:** Mustad 9671 2xl #8-#16 (10*)
- Thread:** Uni 6/0 Black
- Tail:** Golden Pheasant Tippet fibres
- Body:** Black Uni-Floss and Uni-Stretch, Uni-Yarn or Wool
- Rib:** Fine Oval Silver Tinsel
- Hackle:** Black Cock Hackle

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Start the thread just behind the Hook Eye and lay a thread layer all the way down to the Hook bend
2. Take half a dozen Golden Pheasant Tippet fibres and place them on top of the Hook shank with the second Black bar in line with the rear of the Hook. Return the thread to the with in a Hook Eye width of the Eye.

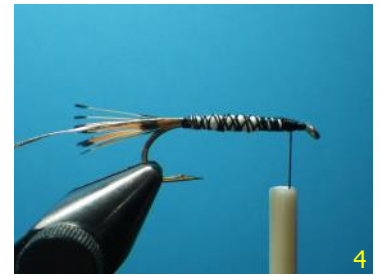


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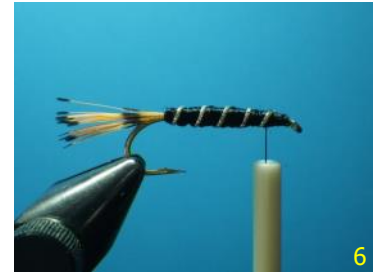
3. Tie in the Oval Tinsel and bind down to the start of the Tail. Return the thread to the tie in point.



4. If using Uni-Floss for the body use Uni-Stretch to build up a tapered under body.



5. Tie in the Uni-Floss and wind down to the Tail and back up to the tie in point creating as smooth a body as possible. Try unwinding the Uni-Floss to flatten it out.



6. Using open spirals wind the Oval Tinsel up forming 5 or 6 ribs. Tie off and clip the excess.



7. Select a Cock Hackle about 1 and a half times the hook Gap, strip off the lower fibres and tie down with the shiny side facing you.



8. Taking Hackle Pliers wind the Hackle 4 or 5 times to form a full collar. Tie off and cut the excess.



9. Build a neat head, Whip finish cut the thread. Coat the head with several layers of Sally Hansens.



10. Uni-Yarn or Wool Body option.

Tight Lines & Good Luck!