

OSPREY FLY BOX

KEARNEY'S GOLDEN STONE

by Dave Kearney

The inspiration for this fly came from the Anderson Stone which had an excellent reputation as a killer trout fly in rivers. Back in the 70's when I had more time to tie flies, I experimented until I came up with a fly that looked buggier. My new fly was an immediate success. In larger versions it took steelhead and dollies in the Squamish, and in smaller sizes it took rainbows and cutts in several rivers.

Earl Anderson's fly had a straight yellow wool or Phentex body with brown wool or Phentex pulled over the top and black thread crisscrossed over the body as a rib. It was

ugly but it worked! I thought that the prominent ribbing was one reason.

My version of the Golden Stone kept the dark brown wool over the back. The body is "Summer Duck" seal's fur, (the real stuff), and the tying thread is brown. I added a brown chicken hackle as an additional ribbing, clipped over the thorax, and left long over the wingcases to represent legs. The tying thread, when tied tightly over the thorax as ribbing, segments it. The wingcases are segmented using the same method, but the seal's fur is tied in a heavier clump under the wingcase in order to mimic the real stone fly body outline.

The Golden Stones I see in the Thompson River are about a size 2, with a similar yellow dun underbody and a grey-black body. I think some experimentation with colours is warranted.

This fly is somewhat complicated to tie, but, once you try, it becomes evident that the steps follow a logical order. Ribbing back over the dubbed body actually improves the look.

The tying instructions and photos will clarify all of this

MATERIALS

Hook:	Mustad 9672 - 3X or 79580 - 4X Sizes #6 - 2/0
Thread:	Uni-Thread 3/0 Dark Brown
Body:	Seals fur Summer Duck or off yellow
Rib:	Brown Thread
Hackle:	Brown Chicken
Over back:	Dark Brown Heavy Wool

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



Debarb hook.

Wrap a base of tying thread

Wrap lead 6 to 10 turns your choice

At the bend of the hook, tie in order Dark Brown Wool and Brown Hackle.



Dub seal fur to the eye of the hook, making the front 1/3 fatter. I just moisten my fingers (spit) and twist on the thread.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS *(continued)*



Wrap the Hackle forward to the eye.



Clip the back short and then to shape.



Bring the thread back to the 1/3 mark.

Bring the Brown Wool forward to the one 1/3 mark. Tie down the brown wool with spaced thread to the eye and crossed back.



Now take the thread to the eye then the wool, tie in then move the thread back the 1/3 mark. Bring the wool back and tie off, forming a shell back.

The Finished Fly



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Trim and apply head cement.