

OSPREY FLY BOX

GREEN WOOLY BUGGER

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A neophyte fly tier like me needs easy patterns to tie rather than those artistic flies that dance through my head from time to time.

This "green wooley bugger" ties quickly, and is made of materials that can be changed if not exactly what's at your bench today.

It's a fly that can be tied to imitate different types of local bugs and fish. Tied in different colours, it could be a leech or even a darter or damsel nymph. It's a sculpin in green and a leech in brown or black.

Bead or chain eyes allow the "buggers" use in weedy drop offs or at depths for trout. In rivers this weighted fly can be used for chum, coho, steelhead or cutthroat.

More hackle and a longer tail changes it to a woolly worm or a mega bugger.

Add chenille, dubbing, leech yarn, and flash. The skies the limit.

This is one of the most versatile patterns for still or moving water.



MATERIALS & INSTRUCTIONS



Hook: Mustad 9671 or equivalent
Size 6 (*coho*) to 10 (*trout*)

Thread: Olive

Tail: Olive Marabou

Body: Olive Chenille
Olive brown micro polar chenille (*by Hairline*)

Wing: Midge Flash or Crystal Flash - Olive

Collar: Golden Olive Hackle.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



Debarb the hook.

Wrap a thread base onto the hook.

Tie in the Marabou tail

Tyer's Note: *If you are unable to match the hackle and the marabou, use the after shaft or the fluff from the hackle feathers.*

TYING INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)



Tie in the Olive Chenille and micro polar chenille.



Wrap the olive chenille forward to the eye of the hook. Ensure that enough room is left for the hackle collar.



Wrap the micro polar chenille forward in the grooves of the olive chenille.



Add four to six pieces of olive Midge Flash for the over wing.



Trim the Midge Flash to about the length of the hackle fibers.

Prepare the hackle by pulling your fingers back along the shaft from the tip.

Tie the hackle in at the tip.

The Finished Fly



Wrap the hackle forward to the eye of the hook forming a full collar.

Make a small thread head in front of the collar.

Whip finish and apply a drop of head cement.

The "Green Woolly Buzzer"