

Fly of the Month: MAY

The Guide Fly

Tube: Plastic Tube (1/16") Clear
Head: Eumer Monster Cone (brass)
Wing: White Bunny Strip
Collar: Chartreuse Saddle Hackle
Thread: White or matched with collar

~ I was introduced to this fly by an Eumer rep. at the fly fishing expo in Ellensburg last year. Supposedly it originated from Canada and is fished extensively in their many lakes and is known by many names, but most commonly, the Guide Fly.

I came home (after an amazing weekend of fishing), and looked at the fly the rep had given me, my mind immediately went to my favorite little south sound beach. I sat down and tied a few in chartreuse and white, and pink and white. After a half a dozen outings, this fly had surpassed the confidence level I have held for the clouser. I now tie these in olives and browns as well.

The secret is not the color however, but the flattened cone at the head of the fly. As the fly passes through the water, the cone causes turbulence behind the cone making the bunny strip go absolutely bananas.

The Guide Fly is very easy to tie. First, start with a small plastic tube. You can vary the length of the bunny strip depending on where and when you are fishing. You want to tie in just the tip of the bunny strip creating a sort of hinge effect. Next add a few pieces of flash. Then tie in your saddle hackle. Add a monster cone and melt the tube to create a lip and you're done.

Experiment with several color combinations, for the sound I like Chartreuse and white, and red and olive.



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