

BROOKIE STREAMER PATTERN - Jim Norton

Anticipation and expectations are two ingredients leading up to most fishing trips especially for trips booked months in advance. That was the case with the 2006 fall Bull Salmon Club trip to Quebec for brook trout. The opportunity to catch 4-6 pound brook trout was the topic of conversation for months before the trip. On the recommendation of the Big AL (Alleged Leader) Jerry Bernier for the trip I tied up six dozen industrial strength flies. Bodies were coated with Hard as Nails and Woolly Buggers wrapped with fine copper wire to withstand the ferocious punishment Jerry assured us would render a normal fly useless after one or two strikes.

Reality did a number on expectations; with record low water conditions the brookies did not move into the river. Although we caught a lot of trout few were over a foot and there were no brookies with grizzly like teeth. Jerry provided sample flies along with a supply of craft fur, a material I hadn't used before. This pattern is similar to one of Jerry's flies more or less, tinkering seems inherent in tiers.

WORKING WITH CRAFT FUR

For this fly sparse is the word. Cut craft fur the same way as deer hair. Move fingers about an inch from the cut and comb out shorter fibers. You can hand stack the fur the same as deer hair by pulling out the longer fibers and repositioning them, 2-4 times should do it.

Tie in place with 3 wraps, the fur does not flair. Finding dark olive craft fur is a problem. Targus makes a Frosted Black/Olive, sometimes I pick out the dark olive, the alternative is to use olive or olive with dark olive buck tail.

The bead head is tied with Targus, the other fly with olive and a top wing of olive buck tail.

I use electrical clips to hold the krystal flash and angle hair. Tie in the flash, position clip just beyond the bend of the hook and cut, the flash is ready to use on the next fly.



HOOK: Mustad 3665A

THREAD: Danville 210 for hook size 6 or larger; 6/0 for 8 or smaller

BODY:

Size 8 or smaller body: Gold Mylar – coat with Hard as Nails

Size 6 or larger body: Gold oval – coat with Hard as Nails

WING:

Orange craft fur – length - ¼ inch from bend of hook

Few strands of orange krystal flash 4-6 strands for size 6 hook - 3-4 size 8 hook
length – bend of hook

Chartreuse craft fur – length slightly longer than orange

Few strands of Angel hair baitfish, about twice the thickness of flash
length – bend of hook

Olive craft fur or dark olive deer hair – length ½ inch from bend

On bead head flies a few wraps of dark brown hen hackle