

FLY OF THE MONTH- Montana Stone



January through June is stonefly time on our local waters. I recall the first rainbow I caught after transferring to from Michigan to Georgia. I was fishing Cochran Shoals with a Montana Stone. This is an easy tie. Tie some up for the spring months.

Recipe:

Hook: Tiemco 5263 sizes #6 - #10

Tread: 6/0 black

Weight: Non-toxic lead wire

Tail: Black hackle fibers a hook gap in length

Abdomen: Black chenille

Wingcase: 2 strands of black chenille folded over thorax

Thorax: Yellow chenille palmered with a black saddle hackle sized 1 to 1-1/2 the hook gap

Tying Instructions:

1. Crush down barb and add lead wire to the front half of the hook shank. Leave room for a neat head.
2. Start a thread base behind the wire and wrap rearward to the hook bend. Tie-in the tail fibers at the bend.
3. Take a 3" piece of chenille strip of come of the chenille fibers exposing the core thread and tie-in at the hook bend.
4. Wrap the tying thread forward and up and through the wire wraps and back to the rear of the wire wraps.
5. Wrap the chenille abdomen forward in close wraps to just past the end of the wire wraps. Tie-off and trim.
6. At this point tie-in wingcase of 2 pieces of black chenille followed by the hackle followed by 1 piece of yellow chenille for the thorax. All at the same tie-in point. Advance the tying thread to behind the hook eye.
7. Wrap the yellow chenille thorax forward in close wraps to behind the eye. Tie-off and trim.
8. Wrap the hackle forward in open spirals to behind the eye. Tie-off and trim.
9. Fold the black chenille wingcase forward over the thorax and tie-off behind the hook eye, tie-off and trim. Finish with a neat thread head and cement.

Tying note: When tying-in the saddle hackle, strip about a 1/4" of the fibers from the stem and tie-in the bare stem. this allow the first wrap of hackle to flare out at right angles from the thorax.

Go fishing!

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