

FDG Salmon Fly Course

Autumn 3 – Stone Goat Muddler



Background

Devised by Mark Hirst for fishing for Ferox Trout on Lochaber. It is particularly good for Sea Trout and Salmon in a loch on an overcast dull good wave day.

Pattern / Materials

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| Hook | #6 (or #8 or #10) Kamasan B175 |
| Thread | Black 12/0 |
| Tail | Hot Yellow / Sunburst Golden Pheasant Crest |
| Rib | Medium Silver Oval |
| Body | Claret Seal Fur dubbing |
| Body Hackles | Claret, Magenta and Black Cock Hackles |
| Collar Hackles | Blue Guinea Fowl [or blue peacock neck] over Black Hen |
| Head | Black Deer Hair spun (Could be Claret or Blue as alternative) |

Guidance Videos – Note that these videos illustrate techniques, but not this exact fly pattern.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MGbYnQsJSs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CUkUbD02R4>

Method

1. Tie on thread well back from eye to leave room to spin the deer hair on a bare shank.
2. Catch in and bind down GP crest as tail above point of barb of hook. Length slightly longer than hook shank.
3. Tie in rib under shank.
4. Form dubbing noodle and form body.
5. Tie in body hackles by their stem. Double and wind together with 2 turns to start then 4 open turns to the tail. Catch in by the rib and wind in 4 open turns catching in hackles to front of body. Trim surplus hackle.
6. Tie in collar hackles by tips, double and wind together 2 turns. Ensure you leave space for the large muddler head.
7. Tie in small (pencil size) bunch of deer hair and spin to create muddler head. Repeat if required, compacting hair to form dense head.
8. Whip finish and tie off thread. Apply superglue to head and front of head.
9. Trim deer hair to form large dense bullet shaped muddler head, but leave longer fibres as collar.