

Muddler Minnow

The next fly tying session will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30. Jim Snodgrass will demonstrate the Muddler Minnow. An important technique to be learned in tying this fly is the spinning of deer hair, which Jim will demonstrate. Once this technique is mastered, it can be used in the tying of any number of flies. The Muddler Minnow is bound to be a go-to fly in your fly box.



The Muddler Minnow was originated by Don Gapen of Minnesota to catch Nipigon strain brook trout in Ontario, Canada. The Muddler, as it is informally known by anglers, was popularized by Montana fisherman and fly tier, Dan Bailey. It is now a popular pattern worldwide and is likely found in nearly every angler's fly box, in one form or another.

Muddler patterns are generally effective when fishing for any freshwater or saltwater species in cold or warm water environments. This pattern is most often used to catch all species of trout, steelhead, Arctic char, smallmouth and largemouth bass, pike, tarpon, and almost anything else that swims.

When fishing with the Muddler Minnow, effective retrieval tactics include stripping the floating Muddler across the water surface rhythmically, imparting a "wake," or allowing the Muddler to sink, then twitching or pulsating it against/across a river's current. An unweighted Muddler will float and appears as a hopper, moth or struggling mouse.

Materials:

The following are the material that will be used for the Muddler Minnow:

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| Thread | - | Black 6/0 - 8/0 for body; 3/0 to Spin Deer Hair |
| Hook | - | Size #10, Temco 270R |
| Body | - | Uni-Mylar 1/16" Gold/Silver Tinsel |
| Dubbing | - | Red Simi Seal |
| Wing | - | Natural Mule Deer Hair, N/A spinning |

All materials will be supplied, but be sure and bring your black 6/0 or 8/0, and 3/0 to spin deer hair. 6/0 or 8/0 will work for spinning the deer hair, but will not be as strong as the 3/0.

Web Sites:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M8TDBA6u_o

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muddler_Minnow