

# SIERRA BRIGHT DOT



Commercial Tied Fly

The next fly tying session will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30. Paul Crafts will demonstrate how to tie the Sierra Bright Dot. Paul has had great success with this pattern primarily on the Middle Fork of the San Joaquin River in the Ansel Adams/Devil's Postpile region, near Mammoth Lakes. Paul used the Sierra Bright Dot exclusively this summer on the Middle Fork and caught Golden, Brook, Brown, and Rainbow trout. Paul will attest that it was a lot of fun.

In an article "Trout Flies Unique to California," author Trent Pridemore provided some history on the Sierra Bright Dot. He wrote that the "Bright" portion of the "Sierra Bright Dot" is in honor of Dorothy Bright, the wife of a mine owner at Monte Diablo Lake. The Brights owned the mining village when it was attacked by six escaped prisoners in 1871. This episode led to the lake being called Convict Lake instead of Monte Diablo Lake and ultimately the naming of a fly pattern. However, it is unknown who originated the Sierra Bright Dot pattern but it has been a preferred pattern for high elevation lakes and streams of the Sierra, and is particularly good with Golden Trout.

Paul states that this is a pretty simple pattern though the hackle involves the "fore and aft" tying, with the fore hackle being a bit larger. Paul says the grizzly hackle should be in two different sizes for tying...however, he has tied this fly with both being the same size...and it still catches fish!

All materials will be supplied, but be sure and bring your own thread...red 6/0 or 8/0. Paul also recommends bringing hackle pliers and a half-hitch tool. The following are the material that will be used for the Sierra Bright Dot:

## **MATERIALS:**

Thread	-	Red UNI 6/0 or 8/0
Dry Fly Hook	-	TMC 100 #16
Body	-	Red Floss
Tail	-	Golden Pheasant Tippet
Hackle	-	Grizzly



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## **Web Sites on the Sierra Bright dot:**

<http://stevenojai.tripod.com/instbrightdot.htm>

<http://mytroutfly.blogspot.com/2013/06/sierra-bright-dot.html>