

Kelsey's Hope - Coho Fly



The pattern mixes blue and green bucktail streaked with a few strands of Mylar, tied in a thin profile over a silver tinsel body that's wrapped with monofilament, as protection from sharp teeth. Dolly Varden and bull trout love this simple pattern, but they are relatively easy fish to fool.

Now we use it almost exclusively when fresh coho are in. Fished on a downward cast with a slow, strip retrieve, it will draw surprisingly aggressive takes from coho. Maybe they don't like the color clash. Maybe it reminds them of anchovies or herring, or flying squid. Whatever it is, they will pursue the fly and take it solidly - often when other patterns are failing to draw a strike.

Materials:

Hook: Daiichi #2055 Size 5 in a gold color for a medium to large fly. I used to use a Mustad #34007 but found that the wing of the fly would foul around the bend in the hook when casting the fly causing it to twirl on the retrieve. The Daiichi #2055 Size 5 in gold keeps the wing from fouling and also I have found that the gold color seems to attract more fish.

Body: Orvis Super Strong Tippet material 25 pound test (Diameter .015) over UNI-Mylar #12 Gold Silver Tinsel.

Wing: Dark Blue Bucktail over Dark Green Bucktail over Dragonfly Pearl Krystal Flash (KF9)

Thread: Black Waxed Monocord 3/0.

- Position the Daiichi #2055 Size 5 hook in a gold color for a medium to large fly in your vice.
- Tie on the Black Waxed Monocord 3/0 to the bend of the hook and tie in the Orvis Super Strong Tippet material 25 pound test (Diameter .015) and the

UNI-Mylar #12 Gold Silver Tinsel so that the silver side will be on the outside. Bring the tying thread to the head of the hook.

- Wrap the UNI-Mylar #12 Gold Silver Tinsel silver side out for the length of the body and tie it off and trim off the excess.



- This is the tricky step! Wrap the Orvis Super Strong Tippet material 25 pound test (Diameter .015) around the hook and over the UNI-Mylar #12 Gold Silver Tinsel. This will give the body of the fly some depth and protect the tinsel from ripping on the teeth of a hooked fish (see the inset picture above). Carefully trim off the excess.
- Tie in about 12 strands of the Dragonfly Pearl Krystal Flash (KF9).
- Tie in the Dark Green Bucktail over Dragonfly Pearl Krystal Flash (KF9) using about double the amount of the Krystal Flash you tied on earlier.
- Tie in Dark Blue Bucktail over Dark Green Bucktail using an equal amount of Dark Blue Bucktail to Green Bucktail. Whip finish and cement the head.
- You will notice that the fly wing will appear to stick up exposing the body of the fly. This is exactly the way you will want to fish it. When the fly is presented as a streamer pattern it will have an appealing look to it from a fish's point of view.