

Andy's Destroyer

This is an awesome Saratoga fly and probably similar to a lot of flies that you'll see on the market. This fly was made famous in our area by one of our local fly fishers, Andy V. A lot of work has been done with this fly to create a fly that has sink rates that can be adjusted by simply adjusting the head weights and how tightly the wool is packed. You can make this fly sit there in the fish's face, tempting them.

Hook - Gamakatsu B10 S # 2 or 4

Thread - Flat Waxed Nylon

Tail - Zonker Strip

Body - Mara Wool

Eyes - Plastic bead chain

Loop - 16lb Hard Mono

Step 1 – Lay a bed of thread along the shank of the hook till you are over the barb of the hook, then return the thread back to the point of the hook. Cut a piece of Mono for the back loop; the loop length is the same as the length of the gape, tie the Mono in at the hook point wind back to the barb and return thread to the point, trim off excess mono.



Step 2 - Tie in the Zonker strip on top of the mono, the length of the Zonker leather is from the hook eye to the end of the mono. – This is most important so as the fly doesn't continually tail wrap.



Step 3 – Take the thread to just in front of the hook point, then cut a small clump of Mara Wool and stack so the lengths of the wool are roughly the same, then tie on top of the hook shank and roll the Mara wool around the shank. The length should reach the end of the leather, fold the rest of the wool back and tie in like you would stack deer hair.



Step 4 - Take the thread forward, and cut another clump of Mara Wool and stack so the lengths of the wool are roughly the same, then push the Mara wool over the eye of the hook and hard up against the last lot of wool and tie down allowing the wool to spin.



Step 5 - Take the thread forward to a 1 ½ hook eye lengths behind the eye of the hook, and tie in the plastic bead chain eyes with figure eight wraps to the hook shank 5 to 6 times and finish with 4 over/under wraps.



Step 6 - Take the thread back to the last lot of wool, and cut another clump of Mara Wool and stack so the lengths of the wool are roughly the same, then push the Mara wool over the eye of the hook and hard up against the last lot of wool and tie down allowing the wool to spin. Repeat this step till you are hard up against the bead chain eyes. Whip finish off and trim thread.



Step 7 - Using the Bead Chain Eyes as a reference point, trim the wool back to form a nice neat head. Leaving the first stack that had the wool tips facing backward. You don't want these tips cut as they give the fly more action. Trim the under side of the fly flat to expose as much of the gape as possible.



Step 8 - The finished product.

This fly can be tied in a number of colour variations to suit both fresh and salt water. For example; all black, oliva and black, blends of earthy colours are great in the fresh water. In the salt water, you might want to try a grey, olive or red

head with a white tail, or any colour your imagination feels will attract the You'll have fun trying this one, and you'll need a couple chasing those trophy fish.
Tight Lines



Snow and his Toga, caught on a all-black Andy's Destroyer