

Streamer Ties.... Tom Regina (continued)

once it has taken the bait. Large strong streamer hooks hold fast and the heavy short leaders and tippets normally used for streamer fishing make break-offs less likely.

Some streamers, especially brightly colored ones that attract anglers, do not imitate any baitfish. They instead serve as attractor patterns in the same way nymph, wet and dry fly attractor patterns do. However, these *mardi gras* flies do catch trout. Big trout. Lots of big trout.

Streamers can be tied weighted or un-weighted. They can be fished with floating lines, sink tip lines, or full sinking lines. Streamers can be fished at any level within the water column depending on the weight of the fly, weight added to the leader/tippet (split shot, etc.), and the retrieve rate and technique used.

Because of a streamer's size and weight, when stripped through the water they produce more vibration than smaller subsurface flies thus better attracting Mr. Big Trout. There is however a drawback to streamer size and weight. Because of size, weight, and wind resistance streamers are more difficult to cast than nymphs, wet or dry flies. A big stick (5 or 6 or weight rod) will help the angler cast streamers longer distance with greater accuracy as will casting instruction from a willing and able instructor. Your club has several willing and able casting instructors of which I mention only four: John Brand, Jerry Aldridge, Travis Akins and Bill Locher. All you need do is ask and they will help make you a better caster.

If you have an interest in streamer fishing for big trout or would like to cultivate an interest in streamer fishing for big trout I suggest you read the book *Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout* by Bob Linsenmam and Kelly Galloup, Countryman Press, ISBN 0-88150-466-1.

Your club has set the third Saturday of each month for the Fly Casting and Fly Tying Clinics. The clinics start at 9am and end about noon or later. Your club will provide the fly tying materials, tools, instruction, fly rods, and casting instruction. Come join us for tying and casting. There is time for both. And you will get free beverages (suds, pop and H2O) and a free lunch. Do bring guests as they are always welcome. We will treat our guests as members and welcome them to join us in all our activities.

October Quick Ties with Tom Regina....Latex Mayfly Nymph

As fly dressers we may spend more time than necessary tying a large assortment of mayfly nymphs. It's not often an angler needs a specific mayfly nymph imitation to match a specific mayfly nymph. Most of the time when trout are feeding on mayfly nymphs they are feeding non selectively on a relatively large array of mayfly nymphs that can be available to them. The Latex Mayfly Nymph is a good subsurface fly for taking trout which are not selectively feeding. Or as Doc Birdwell says, "The fish don't care".

Wrapped latex strips, or Scud Back in this case, makes realistic nymph bodies. Clear and light colored strips can be colored with permanent markers and the color of the thread underbody will show through the strips, both of which can be used by the fly tier to attain an almost infinite range of nymph body colors.

We will tie the Latex Mayfly Nymph unweighted. This mayfly nymph imitation, as with most nymph imitations, can also be tied weighted. The hook shank can be wrapped with non lead wire or a bead can be used for the head. For a heavier quicker sinking fly both wire and a bead can be used together.

Tying instructions

Hook	Mustad 9671, nymph, 2XL, size 12
Thread	Brown
Tail	Brown grizzly hen saddle hackle fibers
Underbody	6/0 brown thread
Abdomen	1/8-inch tan or clear Scud Back
Wing Case	Scud Back strip from abdomen
Thorax	Brown dubbing, picked out
Head	8/0 brown thread



1. Debarb the hook and mount the hook in the vise. Using a jam knot tie the 6/0 thread on the hook two hook eyes distance back from the hook eye. In close touching turns wrap the thread back to the hook bend. At the hook bend tie in a tail of about 10 or 15 hackle fibers. The tail should extend back over the hook bend about a distance equal to the hook gap. In evenly spaced spiral turns wrap the thread forward over the tail fiber butts to the hook shank mid point. At a shallow angle cut away the remaining tail fiber butts and continue to wrap the thread forward to the thread tie on point.

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2. Wrap the 6/0 thread back and forth in layers to form a tapered underbody stopping with the thread at the front of the underbody.



3. At the front of the underbody, with several tight thread wraps, tie in about a three inch strip of Scud Back. Cut away the Scud Back tag and wrap the thread back over the rear extending Scud Back strip to the tail. Wrap the thread forward to the front of the underbody. Make two whip finish or half hitch wraps and hang the bobbin over the bobbin rest.



4. In overlapping turns wrap the Scud Back strip forward to the front of the underbody to form the abdomen. Tie off the Scud Back so the strip is on top of the hook. Do not cut away the thread or Scud Back tag.



5. Fold the Scud Back strip back over the top of the abdomen and wrap the thread over the folded strip to about the hook shank mid point or just a bit further back.



6. Apply dubbing to the thread to form a buggy thorax. Wrap a thorax forward to the front of the abdomen.



7. Pull the folded Scud Back strip forward over the top of the thorax and tie it off one hook eye distance back from the hook eye. Make two or three whip finish or half hitch wraps. Cut away the 6/0 thread and the Scud Back tag. With a jam knot tie on the 8/0 thread and form a neat tapered thread head. Cement the thread head and pick out the thorax dubbing.

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