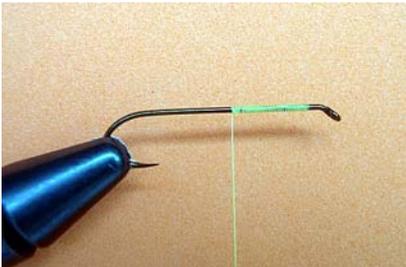


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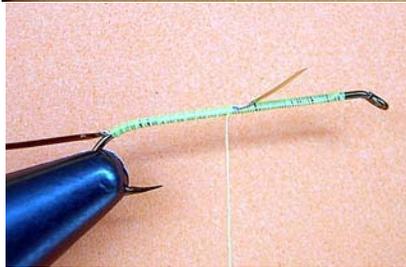
The first fly in our streamer ties series is the Edson Dark Tiger, a famous pattern developed by William R. Edson from Maine's Rangely Lakes area in the early 1900's. We could however change the name to Edson Blind Dark Tiger. The original Edson Dark Tiger had cheeks of jungle cock feather to represent baitfish eyes. Because of the high cost of a jungle cock cape (a prime quality jungle cock cape may sell for \$200 or more) we will forgo the cheeks or eyes; thus Edson Blind Dark Tiger. As an option to jungle cock eyes I have used golden pheasant tippets on some streamers.

### Tying Instructions

<b>Hook</b>	Mustad 3665A, size 8
<b>Thread</b>	Yellow 3/0
<b>Tag</b>	Flat gold Mylar tinsel
<b>Tail</b>	Two yellow hackle tips
<b>Body</b>	Fine yellow chenille
<b>Throat</b>	Two red hackle tips
<b>Wing</b>	Brown bucktail dyed yellow
<b>Head</b>	Yellow 8/0 thread and epoxy



1. Debarb and mount the hook in the vise. Using a jam knot, start the thread two hook eyes distance back from the hook eye. In touching tight turns lay down a smooth neat thread base along the hook shank to about the mid point on the hook shank.



2. Cut about a five inch long piece of Mylar tinsel from the spool and tie it on top of and parallel to the hook shank. Continue tying down the Mylar with touching thread turns along the top of the hook shank and down the hook bend to a point opposite the hook barb. In quick spiral turns return the thread forward to a distance about one-half inch from the hook bend.

3. To form the tag wrap the Mylar tinsel forward in slightly overlapping turns to where the thread bobbin is hanging from the hook. Tie off the tinsel and cut away the tag ends.



4. For the tail tie in two yellow hackle tips on top of the hook shank so they extend about one hook gap distance behind the hook bend.



5. Cut about a six inch piece of chenille from the skein. Tie it in on top of the tail tie in thread wraps with about five inches of the chenille extending in back of the hook. Cut away the chenille tag end. In quick spiral turns return the thread to the thread tie on point at the front of the hook. Make several whip or half hitch wraps of thread.

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6. In touching turns wrap the chenille forward to the thread tie on point. Tie off the chenille and cut away the tag end.

7. Invert the hook in the vise and tie in the two red hackle tips for the throat. The throat hackle tips should extend about one quarter inch back over the chenille body along the bottom of the hook shank. Trim the hackle tip butts as close to the front thread wraps as possible. Cover the hackle butt ends with thread wraps and wrap thread up to the eye then back two hook eyes distance.



8. For the wing cut a portion of hair from the bucktail. Remove any under hair. Stack the hair and tie it in on top of the hook at the head of the fly. The length of the wing should be even with the back of the tail. At a shallow angle cut away the butt ends of the bucktail wing.

9. Make several whip or half hitch wraps. Cut away the thread. Using a jam knot tie on the 8/0 thread and form a neat thread head. Whip finish or half hitch the thread to finish tying the head. Cut away the thread. Epoxy the thread head.

## Pete & Cheryl at Roland Cooper State Park...Pete Foster



**C**heryl and I went to Miller's Ferry in Camden, Alabama from November 7 to 10. We stayed in a cabin at Roland Cooper State Park. Accommodations at the Alabama state park were first class. The cabins were two bedrooms with a private dock, grills, and a wraparound porch. They were fully furnished. Fishing on the river was slow, but locals mentioned that it picks up when they pull or generate water. We caught a dozen bass (mostly caught by Cheryl).



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