



“CANADIAN BROWN MOHAIR LEECH”

Tied and photographed

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MATERIALS

HOOK: Tiemco 921. These are 2x short and offer a wide gape, but they are the same length as a size 10, 2x long.

THREAD: Brown, Olive or Black.

TAIL: Brown Marabou, sparse (optional).

FLASH: Crystal Flash, four strands the length of the tail.

BODY: Canadian Brown Mohair yarn.

In January 2008 I had some success at the Still Water Aqua Farms using a mohair leech. Several OTTERS expressed an interest in the fly, so here is the recipe. It differs somewhat from the “Angora Goat” Mohair Leech presented in the March 2007 issue of On the Fly. This is a very simple fly to tie and can be very effective. The mohair is termed “Canadian Brown” and is made up of four or more combined colors to give a “spectrumized” appearance. “Pond Olive” mohair yarn is another good color as is “Canadian Red” or Blood Leech” mohair. Angora goat is a good substitute for mohair when various colors are blended.

Tying Instructions



Photo 1

1. **(Photo 1)** After de-barbing the hook and laying a thread foundation on the shank, tie in a sparse marabou tail. Start tying the marabou near the eye of the hook and wrap back toward the bend. This eliminates a bump on the body if tied on near the bend. Note: A tail is optional as a lot of mohair fibers will extend beyond the hook. Both styles are effective.



Photo 2

2. **(Photo 2)** Tie in two lengths of crystal flash on each side of the tail. Make them the length of the tail. Or, tie the crystal flash at the bend of the hook if no tail is used.



Photo 3

3. **(Photo 3)** Tie in the mohair yarn at the bend of the hook. Tease out some fibers before starting to wrap. This will provide fibers alongside the tail or will serve as the tail



Photo 4

4. **(Photo 4)** Wrap mohair yarn toward the eye, leaving enough room to form a head. With each wrap, stroke the fibers toward the rear so they won't be caught under the next wrap. Tie off and clip the mohair yarn.



Photo 5

5. **(Photo 5)** Finish fly with a whip finish and head cement. When the cement is dry, fuzz up the body with a Velcro tool (September 2007 Fly of the Month feature) or a bodkin.



(Photo 6) Finished.

“Canadian Brown Mohair Leech”

(Photo 7) Package of Canadian Brown Mohair Yarn.



Photo 7

(Photo 8) Package of Pond Olive Canadian Mohair.



Photo 8

(Photo 9) “Mohair Leech” tied with Pond Olive Mohair.



Photo 9

(Photo 10) “Mohair Leech” tied in the same style using several colors of blended Angora Goat Hair.



Photo 10