



“COPPER SWAN”

January 2008 Fly of the Month

Tied and photographed
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MATERIALS

HOOK: #8-6 TMC 2457 (2x heavy scud hook).

BEAD: 5/32” Gold Bead.

THREAD: 6/0 Black Danville.

BODY: Red Ultra-wire, medium size.

THORAX: Peacock-Black Ice Dub.

COLLAR: Natural Dun CDC Feather.

WING: White Goose Biots.

While originally a Rogue River pattern developed by the folks at Trophy Waters Fly Fishing Shop in Medford, the Copper Swan is a deadly pattern wherever steelhead are found. Essentially a steelhead-sized Brassie, with a CDC collar and a Prince-Nymph wing, the Copper Swan is an easy tie and should serve you well this season.

Tying Instructions

1. **(Photo 1)** Slide the bead on the hook, center the bead with a few wraps of lead-free wire (optional), start the thread and then tie down the wire. To get a smooth body, tie the wire on the far side of the hook, then wrap the thread all the way to the bend, keeping the wire on the far side of the hook. Make tight wraps right next to each other and then go up and back one more time to make sure the wire is secure. This works best with flat thread like Danville or UTC.

2. Palmer the wire all the way to the thorax. Do not advance the thread while wrapping the wire. This will help keep the wraps next to each other.

3. **(Photo 2)** Dub a shaggy thorax with Ice Dub.

4. **(Photo 3)** Select a natural dun CDC feather, and prepare it as you would a soft hackle feather before tying it in, tip first, at the thorax.

5. Palmer the CDC feather, stroking the barbules back when necessary, to form a collar. Secure with a few wraps, and then cut away remaining stem.



Photo 5

5. **(Photo 4)** Select two goose biots, and tie in as you would a Prince Wing, about the length of the hook. To secure the biots, lift up the biot butts and put a few wraps of thread in front of the biots to lock them in. Cut off the excess, whip finish, and apply a little head of cement for durability.

6. **(Photo 5)** You are finished!

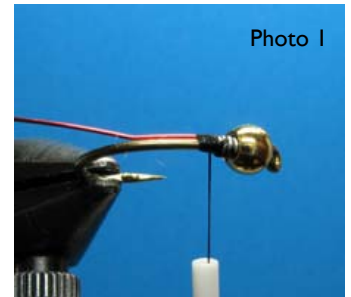


Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

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