



California Fly Fishers Unlimited (CFFU), Sacramento, CA

“The Gary Fly”

October 2010 Fly of the Month

Tied and photographed
By *Jim Berdan*

Originator: Gary Eastman

Most of you know CFFU's own Gary Eastman. Gary is the fishermen's fisherman. He tends to seek out places where most folks won't go, but that way he's sure to catch fish. He did admit on a recent trip to Kennedy Lake that he is not as young as he used to be, and can't walk as fast as he used to, but he made it to the lake ahead of those of us who chose to ride horses.

Gary has been touting the *Gary Fly* for some time. Although, he prefers to fish with dry flies, he catches a lot of fish with this fly. If used with a floating line it will ride just below the surface. With a sinking line, or a sink tip, it will ride near the bottom. Either way, it attracts the fish.

As you will see, the *Gary Fly* is similar in design to a *renegade* only with a marabou tail. I've tied it in light olive, medium olive and dark olive. All three colors seem to catch fish. I've tied it in black, but haven't had a chance to try it out.

As you can see, this is a simple fly with only four materials used. The following is my attempt at the *Gary Fly*. Give it a try.

MATERIALS

HOOK: 2X Hevy, 3X Long, Size 12

(Mustad R74-9672, TMC 6263, or Daiichi 2220)

THREAD: 6/0 Olive

TAIL: Olive Marabou with several strands of small
pearl tinsel or Flashabou

BODY: Jay Fair Short Shuck Chenille - Olive

FORE COLLAR: 2-Brown feathers (wooly bugger),
one for the rear and one for the front.

Tying Instructions

(PHOTO 1) Pinch the barb. Start your thread behind the eye and lay down a solid thread base. Leave the thread just above the pinched barb. Select about 10 marabou fibers, mix in strands of pearl tinsel, and tie them in on top of the shank. Tie down the butts to form and underbody and trim.



Photo 1



Photo 2

(PHOTO 2) Tie in the first/rear hackle by the butt end and wrap with three to four wraps, tie off, and trim waste.



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(PHOTO 3) Take a four or five inch piece of the olive chenille and tie in just ahead of the rear hackle. Wrap the chenille forward and tie off approximately two hook eye widths behind the eye, and trim the excess.



Photo 3



Photo 4

(PHOTO 4) Tie in the front hackle by the butt end and wrap with three or four wraps, tie off and trim excess. Whip finish and apply head cement.



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