



“TUNKWANAMID”

December 2007 Fly of the Month

Tied and photographed
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MATERIALS

HOOK: 10—16, 3x or 4x long.

THREAD: Black

TAG: Silver wire or fine silver tinsel.

BODY: One poor quality strand of peacock herl. (One with thin scraggly fibers.)

RIB: Silver wire or fine silver tinsel.

HEAD: Ostrich herl or white Emu Ostrich herl. Four or five turns.

The “Tunkwanamid” is a fly pattern taken from a book I’d recommend to any fly fisherman who fishes lakes. *“Effective Lake Flies, a Float Tubing Guide to Productive Patterns”* by Mike Anderson and Allan Ryther (published in 1990 by ALLAMI Publications, P. O. Box 143, West Jordan, UT 84084) contains patterns for 80 flies with large color photographs and a brief narrative for each. The Tunkwanamid is a British Columbia pattern named after Tunkwa Lake in the Kamloops’ area. Tunkwa Lake is famous for its large Diptera hatches. The authors state that it works well any place that large, darker Diptera are found. They also mention that anyone that masters the use of such patterns will probably always catch fish because they are such an important part of the trout’s diet any place in the world.

Tying Instructions

1. (Photo 1) After debarbing the hook and laying down a thread base, tie the silver wire or tinsel on top of the hook shank. This will maintain the greatest hook gap.

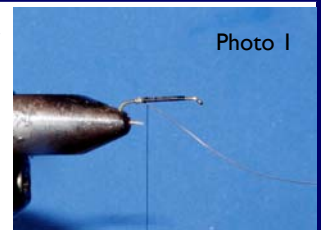


Photo 1

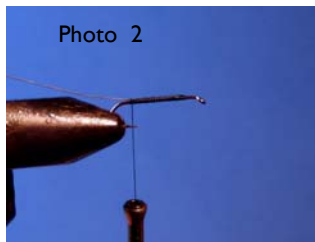


Photo 2

2. (Photo 2) Make three or four wraps of the wire to form a tag. Do not cut the wire yet.

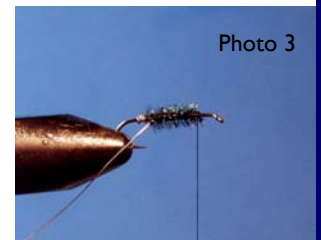


Photo 3

3. (Photo 3) Tie in the single peacock herl next to the tag and wrap it forward and tie off.

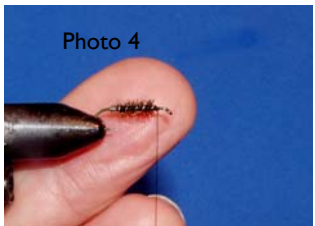


Photo 4

4. (Photo 4) Wrap the wire four or five turns forward over the peacock herl. Cut wire.

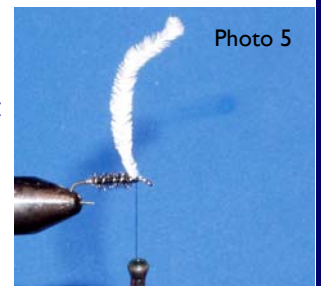


Photo 5

5. (Photo 5) Attach a white ostrich herl as shown and wrap it four or five turns.



Photo 6

6. (Photo 6) You are finished!

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