

THE SUPER COOPER

Too many years ago, when I could still see to tie on a size 24 dry, a fellow by the name of H.G. Tapley introduced me to the Cooper Bug. In those days we tied these Brook Trout killers with a red or a green floss body with deer body hair on top.

While talking with my friend, Bill Thompson, it occurred to me I could combine the two styles of this fly into one and thus was born the “Super Cooper”. I would replace the green floss with peacock herl. There is just something about the green iridescent coloring of peacock herl that seems to drive fish crazy. The red floss would be replaced with florescent red thread. Making these two changes to Jackie Cooper’s famous bug would incorporate the two killer body colors into one fly giving those Brookies a fly they just couldn’t resist.

So here it is, the Super Cooper:



Recipe:

Hook: - Standard Dry

Thread: - Red Florescent

Underbody: - Light Tan Antron

Body: - Peacock Herl

Shellback: - Deer Body Hair (Natural)

Tying Instructions: - Start by creating a double tapered body with the Antron, finish at the head. Tie in the herl (tips first) and drop a spinning loop. Spin a herl rope and wind from the head end down to the tail end. While maintaining tension on the herl rope counter wind the thread down through the herl body and tie off the herl. Select a small bunch of the Deer Body or Elk Hair. Lay the hair on top along the length of the fly. Secure the hair at the read of the fly and whip finish, cutting off the thread. Re-tie in the thread at the head end of the fly and secure the hair. Whip finish and cut off thread. Trim the hair at both ends of the fly to within a quarter inch of the tie in. Lacquer, dry, and fish. ENJOY!

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