

Awesome



Recipe

Hook: Daiichi #1180 Size: 12-16
Thread: Orange, 6/0
Tail: Moose Fibers, small clump
Body: Peacock Herl
Wings: Grizzly Hen Tips, tied down over the back
Post: White Hi-Vis, trimmed
Hackle: Grizzly, tied parachute

Tying Tips: Standard techniques. I've found it easier to tie in the post before wrapping the body. You may use any dry fly hook. Our contributor, Josh Greenberg, says; "use only premium peacock and tie the body heavy."

Fishing Tips: It's a good imitation to use for a deer fly. It's also a good generalized buggy pattern that can be used most any time. This pattern is often fished along logs and in smaller creeks. Best fished June-September.

Historical Note: This Michigan pattern was originally developed in the 1950s. The original pattern was called the Lake Erie King (also known as the Lake Erie Special) co-developed by Ann Schweigert and Clem Thompson. Sometime after that (70s or 80s), a new variation appeared which used a 2x dry fly hook, black thread and a wire post. The original and its variation are no longer commercially tied. This newer variation (in the photo above) first appeared in the late 90s. The creator of this variation is unknown.

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