

Gyrofly



Recipe

- Hook: Gyrofly hooks Sz: ?
Tail: Optional, Brown or Gray Speckled Mallard or Mandarin
Body: Any regular quill material, to make the effect desired.
Hackle: Ginger
Wing: Spent whitish or pale blue-gray hackle tips. May also be tied upright (post style).

Tying Tips: Use standard techniques.

Fishing Tips: The fly was developed to represent any insect. Just vary the tail and quill material.

Historical Note: This fly was developed by Mr. William A. Brush of Detroit. Mr. Brush was an automotive engineer. It was originally called the 'Gyrofly.' Mr. Brush developed this fly to be fished on the Boardman River in Traverse City. The fly was developed in 1931 on a specialized hook that had a small metal post vertical to the hook shank. The metal post provided an anchor so that the hackle could be tied horizontally around the post. Mr. Brush received a patent for his special hook in 1934.

The fly was licensed to William Mills and Son in New York. In fact, the fly was actually named by A.C. Mills, senior. Later the fly was licensed to other tackle dealers as well, eventually picking up the name "parachutes."

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