

Howard's No-Name



Recipe

Hook:	TMC #5262	Size: 4-6
Thread:	Brown, 6/0	
Tail:	Yellow Calftail	
Body:	Polypropylene floating yarn, tan	
Wing:	Calftail, tied in back from the eye about 1/3 the length of shank, tied upright and divided and tied with the tips forward	
Hackle:	Olive Hackle, wrapped in aft, of the wing	
Rib:	Brown Hackle, three sizes smaller than the hook, palmered heavy	
Head:	Brown Hackle, three sizes smaller than the hook, palmered heavy	

Tying Tips: The original was probably regular yarn. The tail may also be tied with white calftail. The wings may also be tied spent.

Fishing Tips: The fly is fished dry, at night, during the hex hatch. I would suggest that it's probably a good night fly in general. Our contributor today has caught many large trout with this fly.

Historical Note: Mr. Howard Roberts (1918-2003) lived in Grand Rapids and was the city manager for the small town of Walker, Michigan. He had a place on the Little Manistee River where he taught our contributor, Mr. Dave McIntire to fish and tie flies. After landing a 27 incher with this pattern, Dave asked Mr. Robert's what the name of the fly was. Mr. Roberts responded: "If you want to tie a fly that has a fancy name, then you can put it in you hat. If you want a fly that catches fish, use this one. MY FLIES DON'T HAVE NAMES!"

Dave feels that Mr. Roberts probably created this fly pattern in the 1960's.

Tier: Mr. Howard Roberts

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