

Joe's Hopper



Recipe

Hook: Mustad #94840 Size: 4-16
Thread: Brown, 6/0
Tail: Red Hackle Fibers, hook gap width in length.
Body: Yellow Chenille, tapered
Rib: Brown Hackle, palmered, trimmed short and tapered.
Wing: Mottled Turkey Wing, tied tent style, down over the body.
Hackle: Brown & Grizzly, mixed

Tying Tips: Use flexible cement on the wings. The body is often substituted with Poly Yarn, wool, synthetic, or natural fur. Spun & trimmed deer hair has also been used for the body.

Fishing Tips: This is a preferred pattern after the grasshopper season starts. It is also a tremendous night fly, and as an added plus it is used for bass and pan fish.

Historical Note: This fly was originally created by Art Winnie of Traverse City, Michigan back around 1921. It was originally called the Michigan Hopper. Over the next few decades many changes took place and the pattern as we know it today appeared in the 1940s, having become popularized by Mr. Joe Brooks (hence the name Joe's Hopper). So much different is this pattern from the original it is only appropriate that it carries its own name. *See: Michigan Hopper.*

Tier: Unknown

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