

Kapok Hopper



Recipe

- Hook: Mustad #R43-94831 Size: 6-10
Thread: Black, 6/0
Tail: Red Yarn, cotton or wool, bobbed short
Rib: Brown Hackle, palmered, trimmed short
Body: Natural Kapok Dubbing
Legs: Orvis Natural Pheasant Hopper Legs, trimmed to size.
Wings: Mottled Turkey, tied tent style over the body to the bend of the hook.
Hackle: Brown, tied heavy, one size larger than the hook.

Tying Tips: Be sure you ‘flexament’ your wings. I prefer to tie in the wings one at a time, that way I’m getting perfect alignment. Have fun with this pattern. The rib can also be green or red. The tail color can also be brown or yellow.

Fishing Tips: A generalized hopper pattern. Vary the size depending on the hoppers in your area. Expect some violent strikes!

Historical Note: I created this pattern in May of 2012. My inspiration for this design was a combination of many other Michigan patterns I’ve seen over the years. It’s simple to tie and a great producer of fish. The kapok body makes it almost unsinkable.

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