

Madsen's Barber Pole



Recipe

Hook: Dry Size: 6-10
Thread: Black, 6/0
Tail: Woodchuck Guard Hairs
Wings: White Impala or Bucktail, tied post
Underbody: Yellow Wool Yarn, to add depth to the body.
Overbody: Brown & White Floss, spiraled.
Hackle: Grizzly & Brown, mixed, tied parachute

Tying Tips: I use a Mustad #94840 or #94833. Underbody can be most any material, you're going to cover it anyway. Some versions call for a body of raffia colored yarn, ribbed with maroon yarn. Wood chuck guard hairs may be substituted with brown squirrel. Your white and brown floss should be twisted together before you begin your spiral wrap.

Fishing Tips: Designed for the *Isonychia sadleri* hatch (Maroon Drakes), that come out from late evening till dark.

Historical Note: The late Earl Madsen (died 1962) was a river guide, fly tyer and builder of Au Sable river boats. Madsen's Barber Pole was first used in the 1920's or 1930's. There are many body color variations as well as wing variations, both downwing & upright and divided patterns using grizzly hackle tips or brown deer hair.

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