

Potter's Opal Trude



Recipe

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| Hook: | TMC 2312 | Size: 10-16 |
| Thread: | Brown, 8/0 | |
| Rib: | Fine Gold Wire | |
| Abdomen: | UTC Opal Tinsel, Medium or Large | |
| Wing: | EP Fibers or McFlylon, light grey | |
| Thorax: | Peacock herl or Arizona Synthetic Dubbing (peacock) | |
| Hackle: | Whiting Farms Dry Fly Saddle, Brown | |

Tying Tips: The synthetic wing material allows for a bulkier, more visible wing. It is waterproof, available in several colors and is a great value. Keep the thorax on the large side. Use lots of hackle. For detailed tying instructions go to my website at www.riverhouseflyco.com .

Fishing Tips: The fly can be fished dead drift or twitched and skittered. Use it as a general dry attractor, or during caddis and stone fly hatches.

Historical Note: The earlier edition of this fly was the Pearl Trude which I developed in the late 1980's. I used it to fish the "One Fly Contest" in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The Cutthroat Trout loved the flash. That fly was a #8 with a calf tail wing. The Opal tinsel works far better than the pearl version. The modification to the Opal Trude took place around 2003.

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