

Top Hopper



Recipe

Hook:	Mustad #94840	Sz: 8-12
Thread:	Black, 6/0	
Tail:	Orange Hackle Fibers	
Body:	Dark Olive Green Chenille, extended over the tail by looping the chenille.	
Wing:	Woodchuck, extended past the bend of the hook, tied trude.	
Hackle:	Brown, tied heavy	

Tying Tips: The tail is tied out straight from the hook shank. The extended chenille butt places pressure on the tail fibers which, over a period of time, pushes them into a slanting, downward position. Josephine had many variations of this pattern; the most common was a light green (lime) chenille body. The tail fibers could be red or yellow as well. She had another variation where she replaced the woodchuck wing with two turkey quill wings tied down over the body.

Fishing Tips: Anytime the grass hoppers are out. Just match the hook size.

Historical Note: Josephine Sedlecky-Borsum was the owner of Ed's Sport Shop in Baldwin, Michigan, from 1945 till her retirement in 1992. She developed this pattern back in the 1960's. On request Jo would tie these up in a size #6. I actually spoke with people who tie and fish with this pattern today. Mr. Bill Brown a friend of Josephine and the family, actually helped her to select the name for this pattern. The fly in this photograph was actually tied by Josephine, and was donated by Mr. David Stewart. The pattern information is correct and was supplied by Mr. David Roller who worked for Josephine from 1979 to 1986.

Tier: Josephine Sedlecky-Borsum

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