

Victory Fly

Recipe



Hook: Mustad #94840 Size: 6 XL
Thread: Black, 6/0
Tail: Red Duck Quill, tied in a 'V'
Underbody: White Silk Floss
Overbody: Gudebrod HT Braid Silver/Black, wrapped heavy, covering most of the body.
Hackle: Blue

Tying Tips: This was tied without a head of thread.

Fishing Tips: This version (there were three) of the victory fly was actually designed to be fished with. In Art's own words, "This Victory fly is going to be a killer. German browns won't like it --- but it'll hook 'em every time."

Historical Note: This fly was designed as a symbol of American patriotism. Art designed this fly in late 1941 and made its debut in the *Grand Rapids Press* in February of 1942. The 'Victory Fly' incorporated red white and blue colors and was, not only tied on standard hooks but on pins as well, allowing people to wear it as a broach or lapel pin. President Franklin D. Roosevelt is said to have worn one of Art's 'Victory Flies' on his lapel on more than one occasion. The Gudebrod company that manufactured the body material was founded in the 1870s. A newly tied fly would appear much more silvery. Over the years much of the silvery flecks have worn off.

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