

October 2019 FLY OF THE MONTH

"Fowlers Magic Dragon"



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The FMD, also known as "Fowlers Magic Dragon", "Puff the Magic Dragon", or just "the Puff", but most likely not known at all.

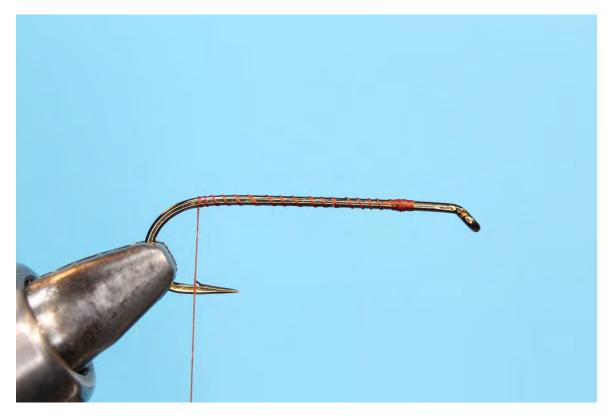
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All Freshwater fish can be caught by Fowlers Magic Dragon – AKA Puff the Magic Dragon Nymph. Mostly Stillwater fish for very slack water moving streams.

Materials

Hook: 2XL Nymph Hook size 6 to 10 Thread: 6/0 Brown Abdomen: Olive/Brown marabou (Stacked around hook shank and trimmed in a triangle shape Legs: Optional Sili Legs Wingcase: Brown Swiss Straw Thorax: Olive/Brown Dubbing Eyes: Medium Mono Dumbbell eyes

Tying Steps



Step 1

Secure the hook in the vise and tie in your thread behind the eye and wrap your thread to the bend of the hook.



Cut marabou fibers and tie them on the shank of the hook .



Wrap the marabou butt fibers back over the tips as shown.



Continue stacking the marabou fibers around the shank of the hook.



Step 5 Fill up three quarters of the hook shank with the marabou fibers.



Trim the marabou body in the shape of a triangle. Cut the bottom flat. When wet the abdomen will be the shape of the dragonfly nymph abdomen.



Tie in Medium Black plastic dumbbell eyes. Glue them onto the hook shank.



Tie in the Swiss Straw wing case and wing pad. You can use turkey tail in place of the Swiss Straw.



Take the Swiss Straw and fold it over the wing pad. Tie in the first section of the rubber legs on each side of the hook shank.



Take dubbing fur and wrap the thorax. Then add the second rubber legs behind the eyes and dub over them and cross over the eyes with the dubbing fur, (I am using peacock ice dubbing for the thorax).



Pull the Swiss Straw wing case over the thorax and secure the Swiss Straw behind the eye. Whip finish and add a drop of head cement or Solarez UV Bone Dry for the head.

Editors Notes: Comments from the editor.

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