

Fly of The Month

Shop Vac

by Phil Romans



I first heard about this fly from Greg Chester, who got it from "Blue Ribbon Flies". It's a fairly easy tie, but very effective every month of the year. I think the white tuft on the top represents a bubble that is fairly common for small insects to use to get to the surface. I use it very effectively in the winter months under a hopper as my indicator. Surprisingly, I catch a fair amount of fish even in the dead of winter on the hopper, but most of the fish I catch are on the "Shop Vac". I use about a twenty inch dropper under the hopper tied with a double surgeon's knot, and I try to find drop off's where the bug will float over the top of a ledge. It's a killer fly under those conditions.



Tying a Shop Vac at a Wednesday night tying session at the Bitter Root Brewery

Recipe

Hook: #16 Scud type such as Daiichi 1150 or Dai-Riki 135 1x short

Thread: 8/0 black or brown

Body : pheasant tail

Ribbing: copper wire wound counter to pheasant tail

Wing: white zelon

Bead: gold tungsten