



Fly in my Email Dennis Stead

The Near Deere Fly

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Well, David Cook let me know that the fly he gave me which is one of his favorite is not a John Deere fly. It is a Near Deere fly created by Carey Thorn.

Around 2011, David's son became friends with the Guide, Carey Thorn and introduced him to the Near Deere.

In tying the fly, David is using the Eagle Claw 570, 1/80 oz lead size ten. He also likes the VMC jig hook but said they are more expensive and sometimes hard to find.



He powder paints the head using a combination of 4 parts Watermelon, 0.5 part Chartreuse yellow and 1 part Chartreuse green.

The Body is Chenille (Danville) that he gets from Larry's Fly Shop at Bennett Springs, MO. The color is Sculpin olive with gold tensile twisted in and it is size 00. David said that you can use peacock with flash but he has found this to be easier and stronger. He feels you can use any color as long as it is olive.



Boy, I am glad David said any color olive, I have a few packages.

David said he call it a Near Deere because he wanted a John Deere with a powder coat paint and a Sculpin olive body color instead of the like olive used in the John Deere. So it's nearly a Deere. Also the name was used to confuse the 100's of fishermen at Bennett Spring that would not catch to what was working when I would yell down the stream to my son what was working. You can't call out a John Deere and have every fisherman in sight changing flies.

David Cook is the President of the Kansas City Chapter of MTFA and is also the current President of the MTFA State Council. Thanks Dave.

I will tie this fly and then make some variations to it. The first will be the hook, TMC403BLJ, 1/100 oz lead size 10. Why, because that is what I have and like this hook. Second, I like an eye with a pupil.



Near Deere

Materials:

Hook: Eagle Claw 570 1/80 lead or VMV Jig hook

Hook size: 10

Thread: UNI-Thread Olive 8/0, or UTC 8/0

Tail: Olive Marabou and crystal flash

Body: Chenille – Sculpin Olive with gold tensile twisted in, size 00

Head: Powder Paint – Watermelon, Chart Yellow, Chart Green

This Fly was tied by David Cook – size 10. My fly above is on a Tiemco TMC403BLJ 1/100 oz lead on a size 14.

Check out this YouTube video from Carey Thorn. He is in Oklahoma, Beavers Bend State Park on the lower Mountain Fork River using this fly. It catches fish.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ps2Y9Y9_CM

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