



# Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



## Bed Spread Fly – Bob Gaston

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Al Bourisaw in his article Twenty-Five Best Flies For Missouri Parks and Streams talked about the Bed Spread Fly. Al said, The Bread Spread was first tied by Bob Gaston of Gaston's Fly and Gun Shop located just outside of Bennett Springs Park. Bob ordered the material from a bed spread manufacturing company somewhere out east. Once the fly caught on, Bob purchased a lasting supply of the material. Bob is no longer in business, so this fly maybe hard to add to your fly box. The jig is sometimes called the "Meat Fly" or "Flesh Fly" as it appears to be a hunk of flesh from a dead or skinned trout. We have all seen trout fighting over or swimming with a piece of a skinned trout in their mouth. Great time to tie on that Bed Spread.

Check out Al' web site: [Missouri Fly Fishing/Renegade Fly Fishing](http://Missouri Fly Fishing/Renegade Fly Fishing)



**Materials:**  
Hook: Jig hook to size and weight desired.  
Head: Cream or Cahill  
Thread: light Cahill 8/0  
Body and Tail: Bed Spread Material.

About a year ago, I was trying looking for the material with no luck. This year, after reading Al's article and my cream color thread in hand, I was off to Jo Ann's. I was looking for Spread material. I even when I found the right color, it did not look right. So, I spent \$3.00 and took a chance. When I got home and tied up a fly, I was pleased. What color was it? I hadn't even looked.



The color is cornmeal. No wonder the trout like it. Now I have to mix powder paint for the right color for the head. Cream was what I was striving for.

After mixing and discarding a few batches, I came up with a mix. The ratio I used was 1 tsp Neon Yellow. Why Neon Yellow, that was the only yellow I had. Then 2 tsp of white. Then for some crazy reason, I added a ¼ tsp of red. Little red specks can be seen in the paint, and I liked it.



It is a very easy fly to tie but after doing two dozen flies, I like tying it one way.

But as you see, I have ran out of space to tell you how to do it. My next issue of Fly in my Email will have the tying instructions.

Does anyone know about Doc Taylor Pride Lures? Or maybe you have a few old strike indicators. Let me know.

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### BED SPREAD FLY

**Materials:**

Hook: Micro Jig or TMC403BLJ with 1/100 oz lead  
Hook sizes: 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16  
Head: Cream (The head on these flies were powder painted. I used 1 tsp neon yellow, but yellow would work, 2 tsp white, and .250 (¼) tsp of red. I you look close you will see the red specks.)  
Thread: UTC Cream 70 or 140  
Body and Tail: Bed Spread Material (I am using Red Heart Mfg., Color- Cornmeal. This is 100% Acrylic yarn

The two flies on the left were tied by Dennis Stead and both are on a size 12 hook.

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