



Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



Yarn Material substitute for the Bed Spread

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Remember the Bread Spread was first tied by Bob Gaston. The material from a bed spread manufacturing company was no longer available because the company went out of business. But thanks to John Walther who was a friend of Bob and had some of the original material. John sent me a piece over 10 feet of the original.



With original yarn in hand, I was off to a yarn shop. I was told that original material is a soft cotton single spun with a spiral of cotton thread to create a slight textured yarn. It is called a Cricket Weave. No wonder it catches fish. The Cricket Weave is hand spun and is expensive. I found some Ivory and it was about \$50 for a 500 yard skein. That is a lot of yarn. I am still searching for this Cricket Weave material and the right color match. John also sent me another yarn that was the exact color match.



John purchased this yarn at Hobby Lobby. I ran out and bought a skein of Buttercup and a skein Snow.

So I tied a fly with the original Bob Gaston material.



Next I tied up the fly with the Yarn Bee buttercup yarn.



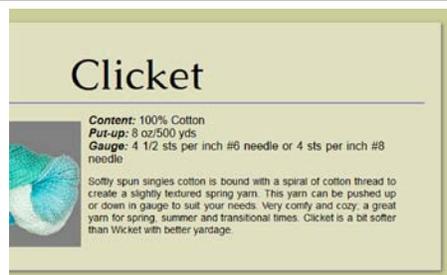
And third I tied the fly using the Glo Bug Egg material, color Egg.



The color is very, very close but each one's texture is a little different.

What do you think? Let me know.

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At the Sowbug Show on Friday, David Cook gave me two package of Bed Spread material and the only difference between the original and David's material is it has two spiral of cotton thread to create a slight textured yarn. See the picture above on the right. Thanks Dave, and save some of your material for me, I lost one of the package you gave me. Believe I left it at the yarn store.

Side note: If you purchased a 500 yard skein of material, and tied it a new way like my next Fly in my Email will show you, you will used about 1.5 inches of material per fly, so I would estimate you could tie 12,000 Bed Spread Flies.

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