



Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



Boucle' Yarn (Bed Spread Material)

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I sent Anna, from the Yarn Barn of Kansas, a sample of the original Bed Spread yarn materials that was used to tie the Bed Spread Fly. Anna said that type of yarn I was looking for is usually called a Bouclé, pronounced "boo-clay."



What is cotton Bouclé'?

Bouclé is a single cloth; dress goods fabric, weighing from 7 to 8 ounces per yard, 44 inches wide finished, and composed of plain and fancy twist (**cotton**) yarn in warp and filling, also having a worsted loop yarn in the filling. Softly spun single cotton is bound with a spiral of cotton thread to create a slight texture yarn. 100% cotton means that the spiral thread is cotton. You might find other Bouclé' yarn where the thread is not cotton.

Why is this important?

You remember the original picture of the Bed Spread fly that Bob Gaston created for Bennett Springs.

Being one of the top 25 flies for the Ozarks, you must have some in your fly box.



Bob Gaston was buying this material from a manufacture that went out of business. Bob bought all he had.

I received a piece of the original material from a good friend of Bob's, John Walther.

With material in hand, I went on a search. I could not believe that this materials was not available some place.

I found two different manufactures of the Bouclé' yarn at the Yarn Barn of Kansas. The one match perfectly, Forget me not – light yellow. The link for this yarn is below under materials.

The second was by Lana Bouclé. This yarn is a little thinner and the spiral thread is nylon. Using this yarn, you will have to do a double layer from the bend of the hook.

So now I need to start powder painting my jig heads. I used cream and a light yellow.

Here is what the cream looked like. Trimmed the nylon thread from the tail.



Here is what the light yellow looks like.



If you end up with the spiral thread in your tail, cut it out. That is what Bob did.

Does not seem much difference between the two but suggest that you have both in your fly box.

What do you think? Let me know.

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BED SPREAD FLY

Materials:

Hook: Micro Jig or TMC403BLJ with 1/100 oz lead, or a standard 1/100 jig hook
Hook sizes: 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16

Head: Light yellow or 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 orange.

Thread: UTC Cream 70 or 140, or UNI-Thread 8/0 Lt. Cahill

Body and Tail: Bed Spread Material Bouclé' yarn

<https://www.yarnbarn-ks.com/Forget-Me-Not/productinfo/KY-FORGPL-/0013/>

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