



Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



Effective and simple flies to tie

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Included in Al Bourisaw top 25 flies for the Ozark are some simple flies to tie. I would include the Bed Spread fly as an effective and simple fly to tie but there are others. The San Juan Worn, the thread Jigs, Chamois worm and the Russell fly. The San Juan Worm tied in the red and natural brown are my favorite but other colors work.



The Thread Jig is next. Just color the jig hook and use the same color of thread to tie the fly. Building up the tapered body may take a little time. White and Lt. Cahill are my colors, but try others.



The Chamois files are not in Al's top twenty five but it seems to work at the parks when nothing else is working, I tie three different types. A short 1 inch worm with the ends split. I was fishing one day at Bennett Springs without the splits and not catching anything. When I split the tail, success.



A 2 inch long chamois worn with a brass bead works well.



And do not forget the chamois leech.



You can leave the tail long and shorten it when fishing if you are getting strikes but missing the catch.

I cut the chamois strips about 1/8 wide. When you buy a chamois, I am sure you will have enough materials to tie for a life time. Buy it and give some away.

Tie up a dozen of each color and type. And don't forget the Bed Spread Fly.

What do you think? Let me know. dmstead@aol.com



The Russell Fly

Materials:

Hook: Tiemco TMC3761 or TMC5212BL

Hook sizes: 8, 10, 12, and 14

Thread: UTC Black 70 or 140, or UNI-Thread 8/0 Black

Body: Glamour Medeira Gold or Kreinik Fine Gold or any gold braid. Suggest trying other colors

Hackle: Olive, Straw, Grizzle barbed hackle feather

Check out Al' web site: [Missouri Fly Fishing/Renegade Fly Fishing](http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/resources/library/pdf-downloads/)

<https://www.ozarkflyfishers.org/fly/flymisc/bst25flies.pdf>

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