



Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



Starter Kit (Bed Spread Fly)

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Al Bourisaw said, the Bread Spread was first tied by Bob Gaston of Gaston's Fly and Gun Shop located just outside of Bennett Springs Park. The material was hard to find and no longer available from Bob's original source. Al Bourisaw, John Walther, and Dave Cook who each had some of the original material from Bob, shared it with me.

As you know by now, I have found a source that matches Bob's original cotton material. Mine is spun not as tight as the original but once you have it tied down, by twisting the material, you will get it the same size as the original. I added an off white and a rose because the white and the apricot (rose) also is a great color for the parks.

I want to reintroduce this great fly and I am planning to tie this fly at Branson Fly Fishing Expo in July. Figuring that I have enough time, I am putting together a starter kit for \$2.00. In the kit, there will be three tied flies in each color.



Plus 5 feet of each color which will be enough material to tie 24 flies of each color.



THE BED SPREAD FLY
Fly tied by Dennis Stead - size 12
Tying Video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OEPbZUUmAMU>
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<http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/fly-in-my-email/>

A recipe card, a business card and simple fly tying instructions.



The purpose of this kit is to reintroduce a great fly that Bob Gaston created for Bennett Springs. This is a starter packet of Bed Spread materials with a recipe card and three sample flies. Purchase jumbo (or unjumbo) jig hooks and you will have enough material to do 24 flies of each color. The material is 100% cotton and is a little thicker than the original because it is loosely wound. After the material is tied down on the hook, by twisting it, you can make it thinner and it will be the same size as the original.

This kit will be in a plastic bag and looks like this.

The \$2.00 will cover my out of pocket cost for materials, not my time.



What I have notice at the last few fly tying show I attended, is that we have a lot of great tiers and not enough time to spend with each one of them. If you like the fly being tied, it would be great to pick up a starter kit of materials from that tier like the one I have put together. At a nominal cost, say \$1.00 to \$5.00 would be great.

Now let me share a report and you will see why I think this is important. Austin Phillips is a new club member. Last week he went to Bennett Springs. As he was getting on his fishing stuff, he watched two fly fishermen fishing in a area with no success. As they move from the area, either up or down stream, Austin took up their previous spot. On his first cast he caught a trout. On this second cast he caught a trout, and on the next and next he caught a trout. The two fishermen who were fishing there before Austin, asked him what fly he was using? Austin said the Bed Spread Fly. They had never heard of this fly. What a shame.



The Bed Spread Fly

Materials:

Hook: TMC403BLJ with 1/100oz lead, or a standard 90 degree jig hook
Hook sizes: 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16
Head: Light Yellow or Cream or Salmon (hand or powder paint).
Thread: UNI-Thread 8/0 Lt. Cahill, Cream, White or 210 Fl. Shell Pink
Body and Tail: Bed Spread Material Boucle' (pronounced - Boo-Clay) 100% Cotton Yarn - note - you may find Boucle' yarn that is made with other materials. The original was 100% cotton.

The Fly tied by Dennis Stead - size 12 hook.

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