



Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



Sowbug

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Over the past year and a half, I have developed a close relationship with Raymond Duncan, better known as Pappy Ray. He is my friend. Pappy makes custom baits for Bass Tournament Fisherman. He uses big hooks and does not like to work with small hooks that I use. Pappy has taken the time to teach me alot.



Pappy can make just about anything. So I asked him if he could make me a Sowbug on the TMC403BLJ. Sowbug size is from .250" to .750". I gave him a picture and said it had to have some weight to keep it on the bottom. Here is what he made.



The large Sowbug is 0.700" and weighs about 1/8 oz. The medium is 0.060" and weighs about 1/16 oz, and the small one is 0.500" and weighs about 1/32oz.



The bottom is flat with a groove. The groove is for the stem of a feather. I use the fine under feather from a Pheasant or the under feather from a Turkey



I am powder painting the Sowbug Green Pumpkin and epoxy in the under feather.



I am sure that this will change and use thread in the grooves, or add antennas and maybe rubber legs. What do you think? Let me know.

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P.S. I am going to need some volunteers to help me test this Sowbug. I think it has great potential but will only know that when it is fished. Send me an email if you would like to try it and as I get some finished, I will send it to you. But you will have to give me a fishing report.



Remember the Bed Spread Fly! Well, Alex Swartz was fishing the North Fork last week, and this was the go to fly that caught fish.

In fact, Alex used up all the Bed Spread Flies he had with him. He had to share this fly with his friends and others.

Of the colors, the peach color was the best. But make sure you have the white, pale yellow and tan. They are easy to tie. Tie many because you too might have to share.

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