



# Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



## Softball Materials

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I am putting together packages of the Vintage Softball yarn that I have been purchasing over the last year. I will have two sizes of the Softball yarn - .75 and 2.2.



The first card of 23 packages of Vintage Softball yarn is size .75. This was the original size used by Bob Gaston for his famous fish catching "Bed Spread Fly".

Because this is vintage yarn, only the Black color of the .75 size is marginal. It seems to have been over processed during the dyeing process and if you pull on it the black threads will break. It still can be used and I am using it as chenille. I do use my black thread to lock it down. I included it rather than leaving it out.

All the other color and sizes are strong and work great.

The second card of 14 packages of Vintage Softball yarn is size 2.2.



Originally, I sold a card of 25 packages for \$12.00. Since that time, I have been purchasing other colors and more of the 2.2 yarn size.

I will be selling the two card set of 37 packages for the same \$12.00. I would like to see the Bed Spread Fly being tied and fished by more people. And also find other uses for this yarn. See me at the Sowbug Roundup – Friday Afternoon.

For all of my friends who purchased the original card, I am going to give you the new sizes and colors that were not available at the time I sold it to them for "Free". They are:

Size .75

Lt. Brown, Coral, Pink, Pale Lavender, and Lt. Blue

Size 2.2

Natural, Black, Grizzly, Pale Yellow, Brown, Lt. Blue, Red, dark brown and Natural-Brown

I think I remember all who purchased the first card but just to be sure, I would like you to send me an email and let me know that you did buy the first card of 25 packages from me.

I will package the above missing colors and give it to you the next time we meet.

Last night Patti Hayes was tying glow ball eggs. She took a piece of the 2.2 red yarn, placed on top of her glow egg materials and when it was finished, the glow egg had a red eye. It looked great.

The Softball yarn is 100% combed Cotton, 3 ply with 2 of the ply's criss-crossing the center which is the combed cotton.

What do you think? Let me know.

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Woolly Worm

### Materials: (Not the best Woolly Worm)

Hook: TMC5263 – 3X Long  
Hook sizes: 8, 10,  
Weight: Lead wire 0.020 – 12 turns  
Thread: UNI-Thread 8/0 Black  
Tail: Red yarn (I am using softball yarn)  
Wire: Gold small wire  
Body: Black Softball .75 Yarn  
Hackle: Grizzly feather

The Fly tied by Dennis Stead - size 10 hook.

Check out my fly tying video: <https://youtu.be/yC4HnU8S5d4>

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