

JIMMY YOUNGERS' HYDRO FLY



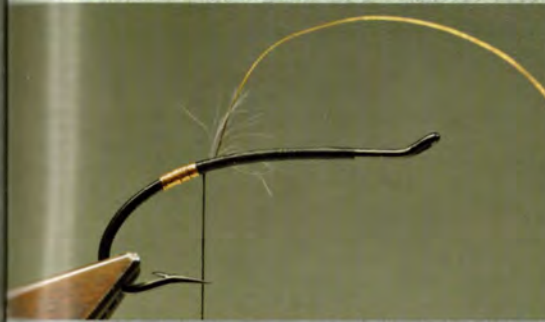
Jimmy Younger is a professional fly-tyer based in Torthowald, Dumfries, and is responsible for popularising many salmon and sea-trout flies over a period of many, many years.

His tying skills were recognised on several occasions by the Flydressers' Guild tying competitions of the early 1970's, in which he won the Professional class more than once. To this day the flies he tied for those competitions are imprinted on my mind, since they were tied on size #10/0 single irons, his Garry Dog, a joy to behold. Commercially, he specialises in supplying hair winged patterns, some of them are classics of their type.

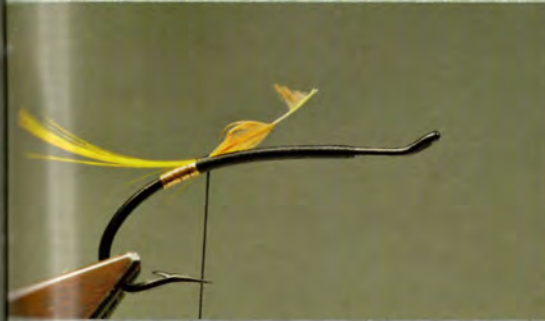
His Hydro is one such fly, and uses an unusual colour combination of materials.

For this tying the beard hackle is changed to a full wound version, times two, this being this tyers' preference for the pattern, otherwise it is as prescribed in the wonderful little reference volume, 'The Book', published by Jimmy & Gloria Younger in 1997.

As an aside, in his notes in the book Jimmy makes some interesting observations, not least he notes that there are fifty-seven versions of the March Brown known to him ... fifty-seven?

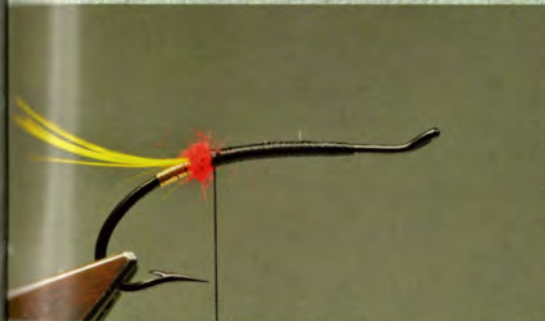


On a size #2 Partridge Bartleet CS/10/2 hook create the tag using fine oval gold tinsel ...

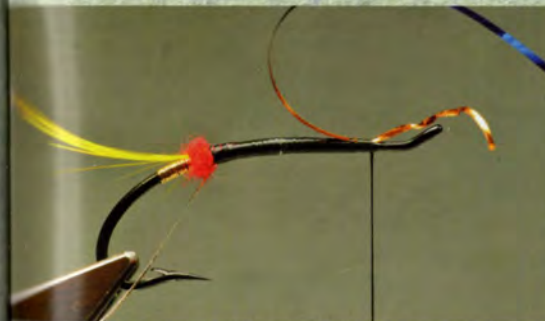


... next, catch in a small Golden Pheasant topping, extending out beyond the hook bend.

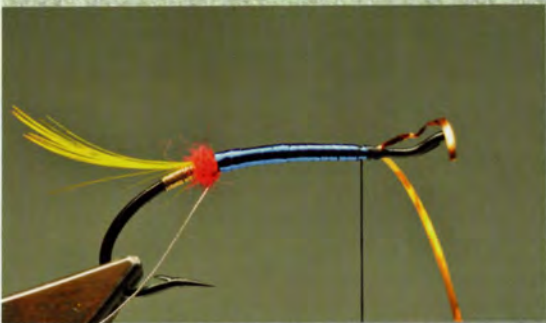
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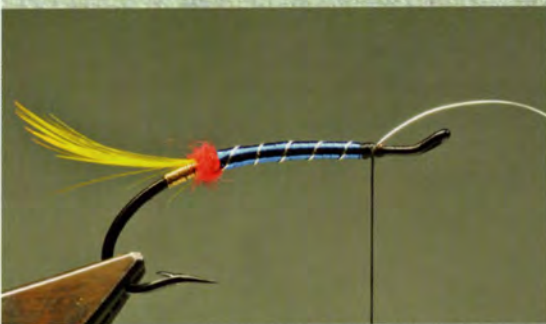
The butt is formed using red wool ...



... and then the body materials are tied in. Firstly, a rib of medium oval silver tinsel is anchored at the butt, on the underside of the shank, followed by the blue tinsel tied at the eye end of the shank. Set this tinsel a few millimetres behind the eye.



Take the tinsel in touching wraps from the eye to the butt, and then back over, and up towards the eye, and secure.



Carry the rib forward, try to finish and secure UNDER the shank.



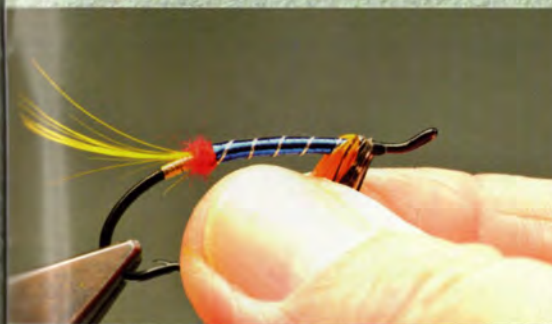
Prepare an orange hackle, here a very soft Chinese is used, make only two or three turns at most and fasten off.



In the same manner as the orange hackle, prepare a small well marked guinea fowl hackle, tie in by the tip and wrap only two turns.



Once the guinea fowl is tied off ...



... using a damp forefinger and thumb, fold or persuade down the wrapped hackles, to the underside of the shank ... prior to tying in the wing component.

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Select a small bunch of hair from a well marked grey squirrel tail and catch in ... to extend no further than the hook bend.



A slightly smaller bunch of grey squirrel tail, dyed blue is laid over the grey. It is my preference to allow this blue hair to veil the grey hair over the top and sides.



Make secure the tyings for the wing, and shape the head using the thread. At this stage the fly can be considered finished ...



... unless you want to add a couple of Jungle Cock cheeks.



Once the cheeks are tied in ...



... complete the head with a couple of coats of varnish.

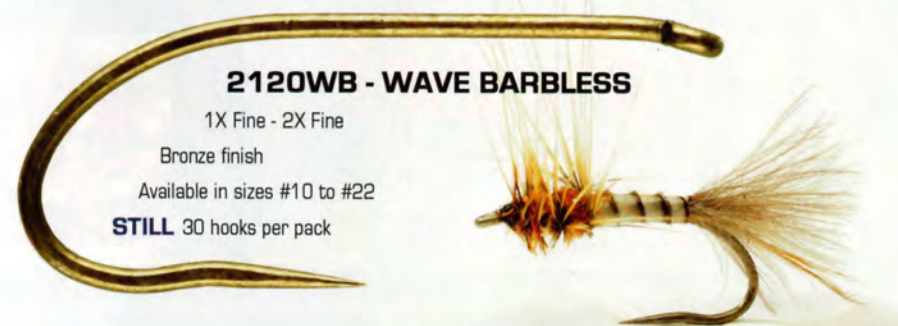


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