

Fly of the Month

The Renegade

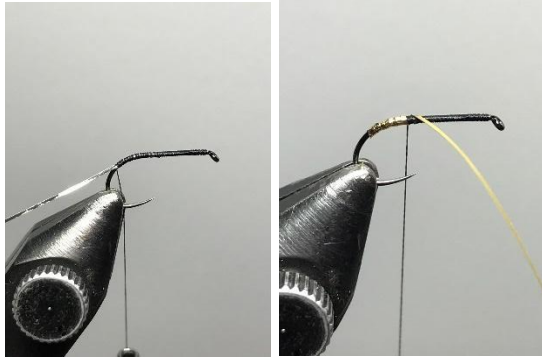
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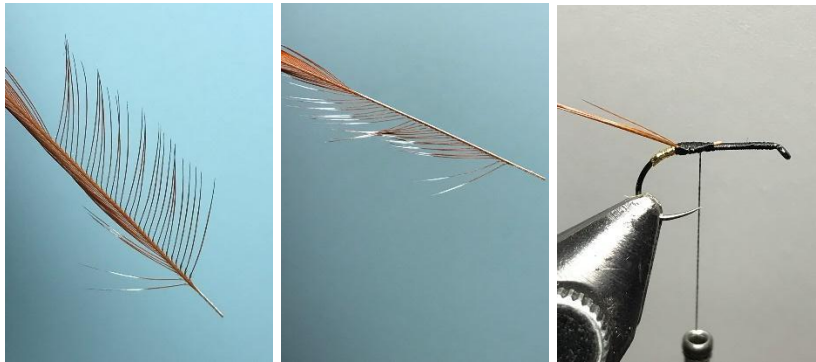
Have you ever used a fly that is so successful that you stopped using it? The Renegade fits that description for me. When I first started fly fishing, I read that Cutthroat trout have an affinity for this pattern. Spending many days on the South Santiam river, which is full of Cutthroat, the Renegade became a staple in my fly box. The Renegade dates back to 1928 when Taylor “Beartracks” Williams, a guide in Idaho developed it. If you fish waters that hold Cutthroat, it’s worth having a few.

Recipe

Hook: Dry Fly Size 12-18
Thread: Black Uni-thread 8/0
Body: Peacock Herl (3 strands in a dubbing loop)
Tag: XS Gold Tinsel
Rear Hackle: Brown Hackle
Front Hackle: White Hackle, 1-2 sizes larger than the rear hackle.



Start your thread behind the eye and tie to where the thread would hang over the barb of the hook. Tie in the tinsel and tie it about 1/3 in to the bend of the hook. Advance the thread to the point of the hook and then wrap the tinsel forward to the thread and tie off.



Select a brown hackle and strip the far side. This will help to keep the hackle standing straight up as it is wrapped. Tie the feather in above where the barb would be.



Wrap the hackle forward to the point of the hook. Approximately 4 to 5 wraps and tie off. Select 3 strands of peacock herl and tie in and wrap back to the base of the hackle. Advance your thread to the 1/3 position behind the eye. Make touching wraps with the peacock to the thread and tie off.



Select a white hackle and strip the far side. Tie in where the peacock was tied off. Make 4 to 5 wraps of the hackle and tie off. Trim the stem of the hackle and whip finish.

