

Brooks Stone

Created by Charles Brooks

HOOK: TMC 5263, sizes

THREAD: Black

TAIL: Black stripped
goose

RIB: Copper wire

BODY: Black wool yarn

HACKLE: Brown and
grizzly. Strip the fibers
from one side of the
feathers, then wrap them
together around the front
quarter of the hook. Make
it bushy.



Uses

Imitates the nymphs of the stonefly, especially the [salmonfly](#) (genus *Pteronarcys*), the immature form of the salmonfly, which is common in most rivers of the West. This fly must be fished on the bottom. Period. So weight it heavily under the body, then flatten the weight with pliers. For extra weight, put on a bead head. Yes, you're going to lose a lot of flies.

The Brooks Stone was developed with the idea that your fly will tumble as it drifts, whereas the natural does not. Therefore the fly is tied "in the round" so it presents the same image to the trout all the time and looks more like the natural insect.

Variations

Vary the hook size and color to match other large stoneflies.