

Muddler

HOOK: 5263, sizes 2-12

THREAD: Black

TAIL: Turkey quill

BODY: Flat gold tinsel or
gold Diamond Braid

UNDERWING: Gray
squirell tail

WING: Turkey quill

HEAD AND COLLAR:
Deer hair, spun and
clipped on head



Uses

The Muddler is one of the most useful streamer patterns an angler can carry. It suggests a wide variety of [baitfish](#) that trout eat, especially [sculpins](#). It is suitable for both rivers and lakes.

Variations

The [Steelhead Muddler](#) is a beefed-up version suitable for steelhead fishing.

How to Fish

Muddlers can produce fish when presented shallow or deep, on a sink-tip line or a floater, on a wet-fly swing or when retrieved. Just don't treat it like a dry fly (although even then, a trout might take it for a grasshopper). Presentations: [count-down-and-retrieve](#), [slow retrieve](#), [wind drift](#), [wet fly swing](#), [deep swing](#).