



BT's On The Fly

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Humpy



Tuff'n EZY Versions

With
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Purpose: In this demonstration, Al teaches how to tie one of his best “guide” flies – the Humpy. He'll start by tying a standard, more difficult version using elk body hair. His second fly will be the “guide” version the Beattys used for years when guiding Montana waters. They still use it today because it just keeps on producing fish year after year AND it's easy to tie.

Standard Humpy

HOOK: 1X-long dry-fly hook, size 8 to 22

THREAD: Chartreuse (floss & thread, color of choice)

TAIL: Moose body hair

BODY: Tying floss/thread (color of choice)

WINGS: Elk body hair

HUMP: Elk body hair

HACKLE: Brown (color of choice), tied full

HEAD: Thread

Poly Humpy Materials

HOOK: 1X-long dry-fly hook, size 2 to 22

THREAD: Red single strand floss & thread

TAIL: Moose hair, stacked

HUMP & BODY: Gray poly yarn, red floss

WINGS: Gray poly yarn

HACKLE: Brown (color of choice), tied full

HEAD: Thread

STRANDS: #8-10 = 3, #12-14 = 2, #16 = 1, #18-22 = .5

Tying Notes: Al considers this pattern to be one of his “must-have” patterns whether guiding clients or fishing for fun. The Beattys carry a duffle bag with multiple 18 compartment boxes in which they have no less than several dozen Poly Humpies in a range of sizes and colors. It really is one of their **Go-To** flies and has produced fish for them all over the world.