



BT's On The Fly

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Lime Trude



Tuff'n EZY Versions

With
Gretchen Beatty

Purpose: In this demonstration, Gretchen teaches how to tie one of her preferred “guide” flies – the Lime Trude. She’ll start by tying a standard version using calf tail for the wings. Her second fly will be the “guide” version the Beattys used for years on the Yellowstone River in Montana. They still use it today because it just keeps on producing year after year.

Lime Trude Materials

Hook: 1X-long dry-fly hook, size 8 to 18

Thread: Lime or black (6/0 – 70 denier)

Tail: Squirrel tail, elk body, or moose body hair

Rib: Fine copper wire (optional)

Abdomen: Lime poly yarn

Thorax: Peacock herl

Wing: White **calf tail** OR white **poly yarn**

Hackle: Brown

Tying Notes: Gretchen considers this one of her “foundation flies” which means it’s a general design upon which she builds other patterns by changing hook size and material colors. It is a must-have pattern in any western USA fly box. When tying your Lime Trude, be sure to note how she deals with “**the hill.**” You will find it **THE solution** for many fly-tying situations.