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Simple Flies: 52 Easy-to-Tie Patterns That Catch Fish



Synopsis

Sometimes the best fly is a simple one. Whether you're a beginner looking to get started with tying or an expert looking to get back to the basics, these simple wet flies, nymphs, dry flies, and streamers will often catch fish as well as--if not better than--more complex patterns. This guide shows you all the techniques, tools, and materials you need to get started. Techniques for tying quick, durable, and effective fliesSimple flies from history, plus interviews with modern anglers such as Chico Fernández, Bob Wyatt, Daniel Galhardo, and Chris StewartContains flies for and inspired by tenkara fishing

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Customer Reviews

What a great read. One of the best fly tying books I have read. It has nice illustrations and simple instructions but what I like most about this book is the author gives you a story behind each fly. Sometimes it may be excerpts from an interview with the originator of the fly and most times it is the author's own story in tying and fishing the fly. Don't worry. These flies are not difficult to tie. I especially like his easy method for tying the woolly bugger without using chenille. Also the more you read this book you may be inspired to improvise in your own fly tying.

"The perfect balance." That is how I would best describe this book. I would consider myself your average angler who likes fishing for just about anything and anywhere. I will admit that I prefer and do a lot of tenkara-style fishing and have readily adopted much of its philosophy, including using a limited number of simplified fly patterns. However, I am also a bit of a fly junkie. I love tying them

and knowing their histories and why they were designed the way they were. It adds another enjoyable level to the sport for me. Other anglers may not be interested in these aspects and just want quick, easy and inexpensive flies to fill their fly box when on the water. This is where Morgans book excels. He provides an excellent history and background for each of flies listed in the book that keeps someone like me interested but at the same time gets right to the point for those anglers who wish to get right to the flies. The step by step illustrations are clear and to the point. The newbie as well as the old hand at tying can pick it up or learn something new respectively. There are flies for fresh water, saltwater, streams, still water, trout, bass, you name it. There are even some great flies I was unaware of despite all of the fly pattern books I have read over the years. In addition, Morgan provides background on some of the great anglers and fly tiers who had made significant contributions to the sport over the years as well as some of the newcomers like Chris Stewart and Daniel Galhardo and what they have introduced us to with tenkara. Overall "Simple Flies" is a great resource to have handy when looking for ideas on what to fill your fly box with and what to tie on the end of your tippet when out on the water. It's definitely in my top 5 when it comes to books with fly patterns.

I love this book. The author explains his philosophy and methods so well, with such an earnest and honest tone, that after reading it I found myself simplifying my entire tying and fishing approach. Using one of his tenkara patterns, I caught my first wild trout, a beautiful little brookie in a tiny north Georgia stream. The chapter on streamers alone is worth the price of entry. I was also glad to finally buy a fly tying book that wasn't padded by half with the same basic intro info that takes up the bulk of many fly tying books. He hits the basics, then spends the rest of his space with step by step patterns, interspersed with essays about some of the history behind the ideas, some discussion of fishing techniques, some personal anecdotes, and other insightful information. I would recommend this book to anyone who is obsessing over making photo realistic miniature statues of their exact local insect species. Because sometimes some yarn spun on a hook will work better than anything.

Have already tied several of the patterns in the book for an upcoming trip. Easy to read, tying directions are good, and his explanations just make sense!! Looking forward to seeing how these ties do on the water.

This is a great little read. Mr. Lyle comes across as a benevolent uncle or neighbor type personality. There is no in your face type dogma (my way or the highway) here. His approach is

patient and direct. He gives insights on various fly patterns and some history, too. His ideas about pattern construction will be of interest to novice and veteran alike. A good read. I'm glad I got it.

This little book is packed with so much great information. You get the history and thinking behind the fly patterns plus how to fish them. Most importantly the book strips fly tying down to the essentials, reducing the number of materials and steps required. The illustrated instructions are clear and easy to follow, provided you already have basic fly tying knowledge. This is a book for people who want to focus on fishing more than the art of fly tying. Highly recommended.

Wonderful book! I like the author's philosophy; and the patterns are indeed simple to tie. I was getting tired of all the complexity of the fly tying project; and these insights have got me going again.

More shilling for Tenkara than actual useful information that hasn't already been printed elsewhere to death. The patterns presented are basically just standard recipes with materials or steps (some which can be critical to proper presentation) omitted. Noted that some steps are omitted as well, like materials magically appearing in between step by step photos. Yeah, I guess it makes the pattern look simpler to tie, but come on.

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