

Fly of the Month

By Bob Zagar

Bill Taylor's "Corn Woolly Worm"

This fly was published in our newsletter in 1976. Garry Fernandez tied the fly in the photo. Excellent Early Spring Fly

Hooks: #8, 10 or 12 Mustad 9671 – 2X long or equiv. length. (Use small fly in small creeks, larger ones in bigger streams.)

Thread: Yellow silk or nylon

Tail: Short length of scarlet yarn

Weight: .020" lead wire

Body: Bright yellow chenille

Rib: Flat silver tinsel or Mylar (med. width)

Hackle: Pale grizzly (barred Plymouth Rock – light)



1. Wrap shank solidly with tying thread to bend.
2. Tie in short tail of scarlet yarn. Wrap shank solidly with .020" lead wire.
3. Cement over lead wire to keep body from rotating on shank.
4. Tie in at bend: hackle, rib, and chenille. Wrap chenille to eye position.
5. Rib with tinsel, winding in opposite direction from body material.
6. Wind hackle to eye, following close behind tinsel rib.
7. Whip finish and cement head.

This fly has been known to take many trout in water so muddy and cloudy that it would normally be considered unsuitable for fly fishing. Apparently, it has excellent underwater visibility. Fish it upstream free-drift or cast across and fish a slow swing."