

## Fly of the Month

### Pat's Nymph – Smoky Mountain Special

Tied by Kevin Miquelon 04/23/09 at O.F.F. Meeting

The Pat's Nymph is one of those flies that Smoky Mountain fly fishing guides just love. It has a buggy look that fish can't resist and it's relatively quick and easy to tie. While the Pat's Nymph is good year round, it's particularly good in the spring since it's a good representation of several aquatic insects.



**Hook:** #12-14 Standard Nymph Hook

**Underbody:** .010 - .015 Lead Free Wire

**Thread:** 6/0 Black

**Tail:** Brown Hackle Fibers

**Body:** Any shaggy gray dubbing material like squirrel or muskrat. I particularly like Wapsi Sow-Scud dubbing

**Collar:** Brown Hackle

The Pat's Nymph is excellent in a number of situations when nymphs are required. It's a heavy fly and sinks well. This is important in cold water or turbulent water. It also makes for one half of an excellent dropper rig along with another nymph. Some anglers are turned off by the scraggly appearance of this somewhat ordinary looking fly, but it should not be ignored. Its drab color scheme imitates a variety of aquatic insects and its weight gets it down where the fish are. We've even noticed that fish seem to like it more as it gets chewed up. One of our fishing buddies used to grind the fly under his boot heel before tying it on and claimed that made it more enticing to fish.