

Tying Bench - Mostly Grizzly by Ken Hofmeister

This fly is something of a synthesis between the E. C. Bait Fish (Bill Couch), the Grizzly Bend back (Aaron Adams), and various Enrico Puglisi patterns with a few improvisations. "Mostly Grizzly" is named in recognition of Charlie Most who tried to teach me how to tie with grizzly hackle. Major challenge is to find grizzly hackle since female fashion has depleted fly shop supply. Then too, there is the question of whether to tie flies or sell hackle to highest bidder!

Materials:

- Hook: Owner SSW Model # 5115-101 or #5315-091 in either size 2 or size 1.
- Thread: Black, olive, or white (depending on underbody)
- Wing: E.P. Fibers, Neer Hair, or similar material in white, off white, or beige
- Overwing: Pair of grizzly saddle hackles, one on each side
- Flash: Tan, Green, White crystal flash, tied in at sides
- Top: Peacock herl (one or two herls); Black and grey polar fiber
- Eyes: Mirage Eyes ¼ inch or smaller
- Underbody: Marabou: Pink, white, or tan



Mostly Grizzly tied by Ken Hofmeister
Sequira photo

Tying Instructions:

1. Wrap thread from eye to bend of hook and back to middle of hook.
2. Attach a 3 inch piece of E.P. Fiber, or similar poly fiber by tying in middle of hook and material.
3. Bend fiber back over and tie in.
4. Attach two or three strands of crystal flash on each side.
5. Lay a two inch piece of black and grey polar fiber near hook eye and tie in.
6. Tie in one or two peacock herls to form the back of the fly.
7. Turn hook over in the vise and tie in a sparse clump of Marabou (pink, white, or tan).
8. Select two grey grizzly hackles about the same size as the fly and tie in one on each side.
9. Wrap the head securely and tie off with whip finish, half hitch, or knot of your choice.
10. Build a base of Thick Soft Body anglerschoiceflytyingmaterials.com where eyes will go.
11. Press eyes into the Soft Body with tooth pick and hold for a few seconds.
12. Use Sally Hansen's Hard as Nails or Zap-a-Gap to coat head.
13. Allow to dry before using under docks on a moving tide.

A note from Ken Hofmeister "Due to unusually heavy demand for grizzly hackle, wholesale prices have skyrocketed. It seems fashion conscious women are buying up the supply for cosmetic purposes. Faced with high cost of materials, we have no choice but to raise prices on our tried and proven "Mostly Grizzly" fly. Naturally, they will still come with a "Georgia Guarantee." That is, if you lose it you bought it! If you don't catch fish with it, it's your fault!"