

Flies for Catching Grayling

Specialist Tyer Certificate

Fly Dresser's Guild

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Ethos of the certificate

This certificate has been created to give a series of flies that can be used in the pursuit of grayling. In common with the other awards of The Fly Dressers' Guild, the flies aim to introduce new techniques and each fly is detailed with the techniques it introduces together with tying instructions. This certificate complements the Guild's Bronze, Silver and Gold award scheme.

The flies chosen here are selected firstly to introduce new techniques and secondly as flies that will catch grayling.

Eligibility for the certificate

The specialist-tying certificate can be awarded to any member of The Fly Dressers' Guild who has passed the Bronze award in the Guild main scheme. The certificate will be issued upon receipt of an assessment form signed by a registered instructor/assessor of the Guild. If the candidate is not yet in possession of a Bronze level award, the specialist certificate will not be awarded until the Bronze award is passed.

Tools and Techniques

In view of the fact that to be awarded this certificate you should have passed the Bronze award there will be no detailed explanation of tools and techniques. It is expected that the candidate will refer to the main award booklets for technique instructions.

Selection of Flies

The flies selected here are all proven flies to catch grayling and to provide a mix of flies suitable for catching fish at all depths. It is hoped that having completed the flies the tyer will be inspired to apply the techniques to design his/her own flies and thus produce the killer flies of the future.

Flies

Fly	New Techniques (vs Bronze and Silver)
Gammarus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Construction of shaped body- Use of feather for legs- Use of resin to form a body
Scud	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use of scud back for body
Pink and Purple Peril	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use of partridge hackle- Use of dubbing for tail
Caddis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use of polymer skin to form a body- Split thread dubbing loop
Reverse Parachute Fly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Creation of a reverse parachute- Use of hackle to create a parachute hackle
Tup's Indispensable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use of a paraloop to form wing

Gammarus

Dressing

Hook	# 10 Czech nymph hook
Thread	6/0 White
Rib	Medium red wire
Underbody	Lead sheet – dolls house lead or fly tyer lead sheet secured with superglue
Body	White thread with felt pen marking
Legs	Dyed yellow partridge
Body coat	Light reactive polymer coating – eg Bug Bond Clear Goo, Rock Hard UV

Tying Instructions

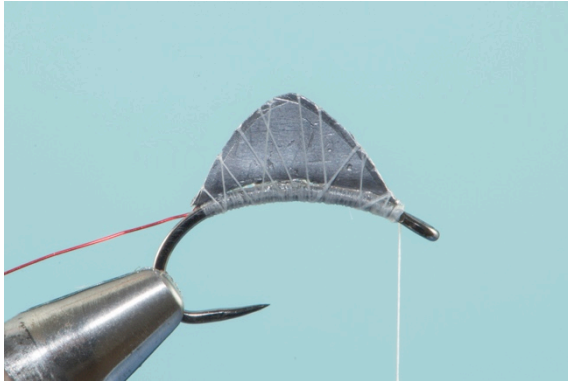
Step 1

Insert the hook in the vice and secure the thread. Attach the rib and run the thread to the hook bend.



Step 2

Cut a piece of lead to the required shape. Fly tyers lead sheet or dolls house roofing lead is a good size to use. Secure the lead to the hook with superglue and wind some loops of thread over to secure. Allow the glue to dry.



Step 3

Cover the lead underbody with thread.



Step 4

Remove the fibres from one side of the partridge feather. Secure the partridge feather by the tip at the bend.



Step 5

Colour the white thread base with a felt tipped pen.



Step 6

Bring the legs feather along the underside of the shank to the eye and secure it. Wind the rib to the eye taking care not to crush the leg fibres. Secure the rib. Whip finish the thread.



Step 7

Cover the body in resin and cure with an appropriate light.



Tying tips

- Take care not to use a very flimsy lead, as the body will crush as you cover it with the thread.
- Move the wire rib from side to side as you rib the fly to avoid trapping the feather fibres.

Tying Notes

Scud

Dressing

Hook	#14 Nymph hook
Thread	8/0 olive
Body	Orange ostrich herl
Body back	Tungsten scud back secured with superglue (eg Bidoz size small) coloured with felt tip
Thorax	Long spikey dubbing eg Grey Squirrel body or Argentinian hare in natural colour

Tying Instructions

Step 1

Insert the hook in a vice, attach the thread and run a base of thread down to the bend.



Step 2

Secure the herl and return the thread to the eye.



Step 3

Wind the herl in touching turns to the eye leaving enough space for the thorax.



Step 4

Add some superglue to the tungsten scud body and glue in place on the top of the hook shank.



Step 5

Dub the thorax taking care to ensure the material is predominately below the hook shank. Tie off the thread with a whip finish and secure with a drop of varnish.



Step 6

Colour the scud body with a permanent marker.



Tying Tips

- Add the glue to the scud body with a fine needle to ensure accurate placement of the glue.

Tying Notes

Pink and Purple Peril

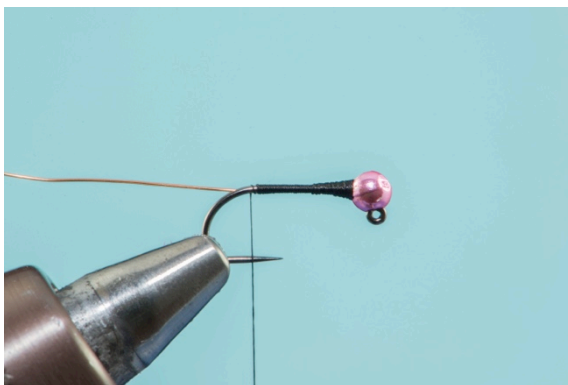
Dressing

Hook	#14 Jig hook
Bead	3mm anodised tungsten pink
Underbody	Lead wire fine
Thread	8/0 grey or similar neutral colour
Rib	Copper wire
Tail	Bright dubbing in violet, purple and pink mixed in equal proportions eg Hends microflash 13,17 and 18
Body	Peacock herl
Thorax	Partridge
Collar	Purple microflash eg Hends microflash 18

Tying Instructions

Step 1

Place the bead on the hook and insert the hook in the vice. Wind turns of lead wire behind the bead to secure it. Cover the lead wire with thread secured to the shank. Run the thread to the rear of the shank securing the copper wire rib.



Step 2

Secure the tail to the shank. Tail should be 30-50% of the shank length. Secure the peacock herl and run the thread to the eye.



Step 3

Wind the herl on the shank and secure it.



Step 4

Wind the rib over the herl in the opposite direction.



Step 5

Tie in a partridge feather by the tip and wind as a hackle.



Step 6

Dub the collar and add two turns. Whip finish the thread and secure with a drop of varnish.



Tying tip

- Strip the partridge feather of fibres on one side if you feel the hackle is too heavy.

Tying Notes

Caddis

Dressing

Hook	#10 Czech nymph hook
Bead	3mm Green anodised tungsten
Underbody	Lead wire small
Thread	8/0 Olive
Body	Green nymph skin
Wing buds	Mottled foam or equivalent
Thorax	Long spikey dubbing natural eg grey squirrel or Argentinian hare

Tying Instructions

Step 1

Place the bead on the hook and insert the hook in the vice. Add 6 turns of lead wire behind the bead and secure with thread.



Step 2

Run the thread in touching turns to the bend of the hook and tie in the nymph skin.



Step 3

Wind the nymph skin in overlapping turns to the eye and secure with thread. The aim is to deliver a segmented body appearance.



Step 4

Tie in the wing buds.



Step 5

Dub the thorax with a split thread loop and finish by securing the thread with a whip finish.



Tying Tips

- Cut the nymph skin at an angle before tying in to give a smoother start to the body without any lumps.
- Use a cutter for the buds or cut them freehand with scissors.

Tying Notes

Reverse Parachute Fly

Dressing

Hook	#16 Long shank nymph hook
Thread	8/0 Light yellow
Tail	Ginger cock hackle
Post	4 lb Nylon
Body	Yellow rabbit or similar fine dubbing
Thorax	Peacock herl
Wing	Genetic cock hackle

Tying Instructions

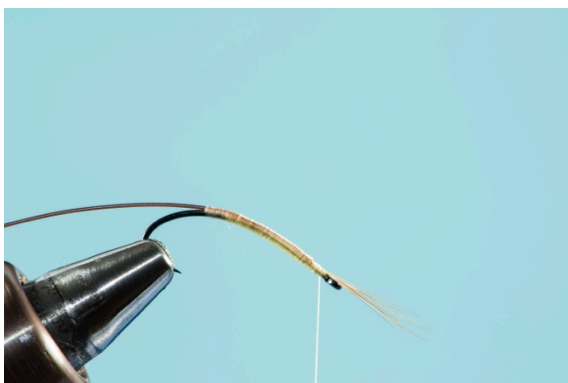
Step 1

Insert the hook in the vice and tie on a bed of the thread.



Step 2

Tie in 6 fibres of hackle at the eye to form the tail and then secure the nylon to the top of hook shank by winding thread over it to the bend. Cut the surplus nylon at the eye.



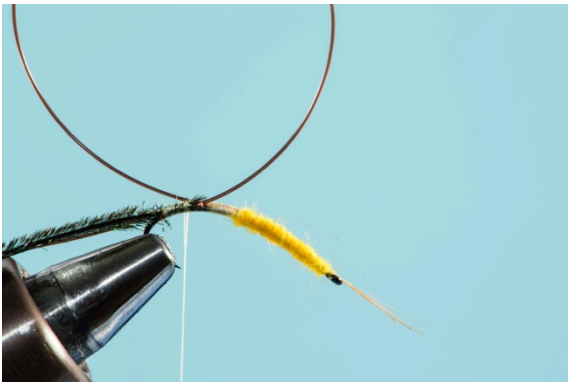
Step 3

Return the thread to the eye of the hook. Dub the body from the eye to the bend.



Step 4

Form a loop with the nylon and secure it towards the bend of the hook. You will pull this nylon through to compress the hackle so it needs to be well secured. Tie in the peacock herl.



Step 5

Tie in the hackle.



Step 6

Wind the herl from the bend to the dubbing and secure with a whip finish. Wind the hackle around the nylon loop and every third turn pass through the loop. About 7 turns will be sufficient. Holding the hackle pull the nylon loop tight to create the wing.



Tying Tips

- Flatten the nylon with pliers before securing to the hook shank. This will prevent it slipping during the tying in process.

- Pull the nylon at the bend in a steady motion to get a neat compression.
- This fly was tied with stronger brown nylon to give photographic contrast. Clear 4lb nylon is recommended.

Tying Notes

Tup's Indispensible

Dressing

Hook	#14 Down eye light wire
Thread	8/0 Pink
Tail	White cock hackle
Body	Yellow floss
Hackle support	4 lb nylon
Hackle	White cock hackle
Thorax	Originally the wool from a ram's testicle but a mixture of pink and yellow seals fur will suffice.

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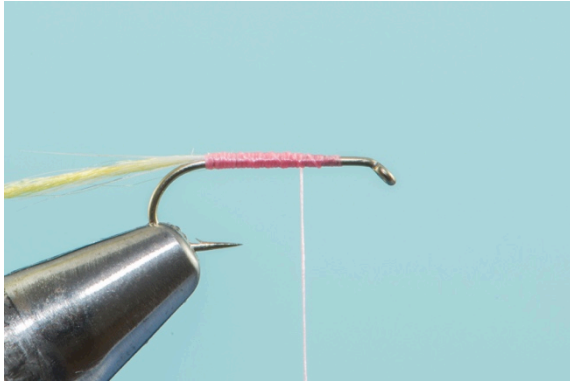
Step 1

Insert the hook in the vice and secure the thread at the thorax. Run a bed of thread in touching turns to above the eye and tie in the tail. About 6-8 fibres will suffice.



Step 2

Tie in the floss above the shank and wind the thread back about half way along the shank..



Step 3

Lay down the floss to form the body going about half way up the shank to the eye.



Step 4

Tie in the nylon to form a loop and secure the hackle.



Step 5

Wind the hackle around the loop from the top to the base and secure it.



Step 6

Dub the thorax to give a smooth body from the floss forward.



Step 7

Pull the loop tight to compress the hackle and then pull the hackle assembly over the thorax and secure at the eye. Take care to ensure that the cock hackle fibres are pointing upwards. Whip finish the thread.



Tying Tip

- Unwinding the floss to give a flat profile before winding up the shank delivers a smoother body

Tying Notes

Assessment Sheet Grayling Specialist Tying

Candidate Name

FDG Number

Fly	Comments	Pass/Fail
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Caddis		
Reverse Parachute		
Tup's Indispensible		

FDG Instructor Name and Signature

Appendix 1 List of Dressings

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Thread	8/0 olive
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Body back	Tungsten scud back secured with superglue (eg Bidoz size small) coloured with felt tip
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Pink and Purple Peril

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Bead	3mm anodised tungsten pink
Underbody	Lead wire fine
Thread	8/0 grey
Tail	Pink, violet and purple dubbing mixed in equal proportions eg Hends microflash 13,17 and 18
Body	Peacock herl
Rib	Copper wire
Thorax	Partridge body feather
Collar	Purple dubbing eg Hends microflash18

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Dressing

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Hook	#16 Long shank nymph hook
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Tail	Ginger cock hackle
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Body	Yellow rabbit or similar fine dubbing
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Hook	#14 Down eye light wire hook
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