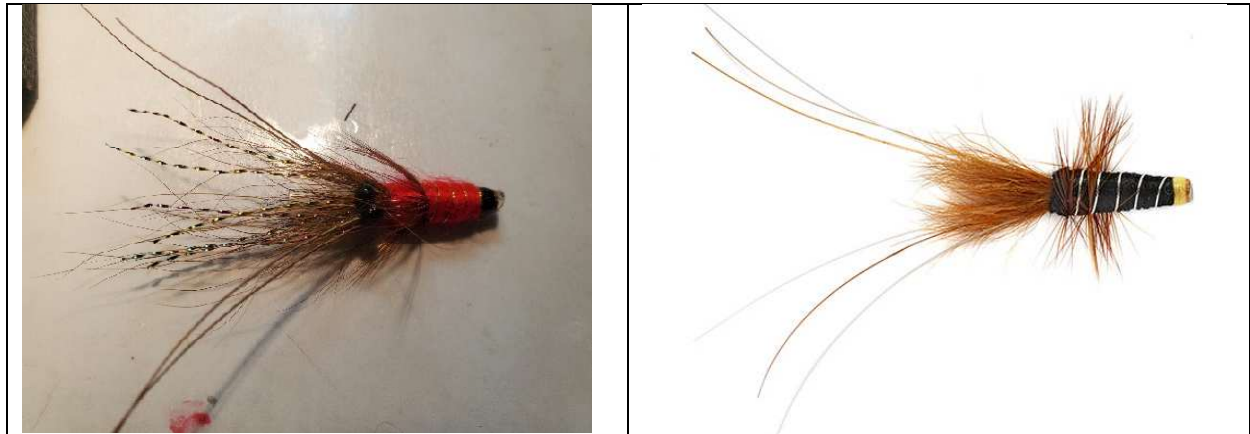


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FDG Salmon Fly Course

Red Frances Variant



Red Frances

Peter Deane designed the original tied with a seal fur body in 1968 for use by his client David Blythe in Iceland and it was initially named 'The Black Eyed Prawn Fly'. Following the fly's success, Peter's assistant Frances Hydon tied up further orders and the fly was re-named 'The Frances'. It is also known as 'The Francis' or 'The Monster'. It is a successful shrimp imitation fly, especially in the autumn, and can be tied on single, double and treble hooks as well as tubes in a wide range of sizes, materials and colours with or without a conehead.

Pattern / Materials (as tied by Simon Walter)

Tube	25mm (1") Copper Tube (or Plastic Tube or Treble or Double hook)
Thread	Black 8/0
Feelers	4 Brown (& 2 White) Hackle Stems
Tail	Dyed Brown Bucktail Hair (or Calf Tail Dyed Ginger) & 6 strands Gold Krystalflash
Eyes	Micro Black Craft Beads stuck on mono nylon (or burnt mono 20lb nylon).
Rear Body	Red Wool (Can be Black) 20g
Hackle	Natural Red Game (brown) Cock (Saddle) Hackle
Rib	Oval Tinsel Gold Large (Use Silver with Black body)
Front Body	Red wool (or Black)
Optional Head flash	Yellow Fluorescent Thread for Black Frances
Hook holder	Clear Silicone tube
Head	Black Thread & Clear Varnish (Can have Conehead if on a Plastic Tube)

Guidance Videos – Note that these videos illustrate techniques, but not the evaluation fly pattern.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNvMWiJ_-l8

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Method

1. Insert tube into vice tube holder (eg HMH Tube holder).
2. Wind on thread, starting 2mm from nose, in close touching turns to 4mm from tail.
3. Strip tips of 4 brown (& 2 white) hackles stems 50mm (4") long, cut off tips.
4. Tie in stems 2 at a time, each side, full length of body, extending 3 times tube length, all around tube.
5. Cut off stems one third of tube length from head. Run thread to head and back binding in feelers.

6. Tie in Bucktail (or Calf Tail) & Krystalflash bunch loosely & roll / spread around tube before binding down. Length to cover hook – say 15mm beyond tail of tube.
7. Bind down. then return thread to tie in point. Cut off surplus at angle and bind down.
8. Tie in two eyes close to rear of body
9. Tie in red wool and wind rear body about 3 turns wide, two layers tight, tie off and trim surplus.
10. Tie in hackle by butt, double and wind 2 turns, trim off surplus.
11. Bind down surplus forming tapered body shape and tie in oval rib.
12. Tie in red wool and wind thread back to head.
13. Wind on wool tightly in touching turns to form carrot shape body to head, tie in, cut off and tidy up.
14. Wind rib in 5 open turns, tie in and trim off, tidy up head.
15. Whip finish to form head and cut off thread.
16. Insert tube into silicone sleeve tightly
17. Apply thin coat of black (or clear) varnish head twice - 24hrs apart.-----