# Tying and Fishing Deer Hair Flies: The Ultimate Guide for Fly Fishers

Deer hair flies are some of the most popular and versatile flies used by fly fishers around the world. They are effective for catching a wide variety of fish, including trout, bass, and panfish. Deer hair flies are also relatively easy to tie, making them a great choice for beginners.

In this article, we will provide you with a comprehensive guide to tying and fishing deer hair flies. We will cover everything you need to know, from choosing the right materials to tying the perfect fly. We will also provide you with some tips on how to fish deer hair flies effectively.



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#### **Choosing the Right Materials**

The first step in tying a deer hair fly is to choose the right materials. The most important material is, of course, deer hair. Deer hair is hollow, which

makes it buoyant and ideal for tying flies that float on the surface of the water.

When choosing deer hair, you want to look for hair that is long, fine, and free of tangles. The color of the hair is not as important, but it can affect the visibility of the fly.

In addition to deer hair, you will also need a few other materials to tie deer hair flies. These materials include:

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* Thread * Hook * Wire * Scissors * Hackle
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#### Tying the Perfect Fly

Once you have chosen the right materials, you can begin tying the fly. There are many different ways to tie deer hair flies, but the following method is a good starting point:

1. Start by tying the thread to the hook. 2. Wrap the thread around the hook to create a base. 3. Select a few strands of deer hair and tie them to the base of the hook. 4. Trim the deer hair so that it is about 1/2 inch long. 5. Wrap the deer hair around the hook to create a body. 6. Tie off the deer hair and trim any excess. 7. Add a hackle to the fly. 8. Tie off the fly and trim any excess thread.

#### **Fishing Deer Hair Flies**

Deer hair flies can be fished in a variety of ways. One popular method is to cast the fly upstream and allow it to drift downstream. As the fly drifts, the deer hair will absorb water and begin to float. This will cause the fly to rise to the surface of the water, where it will be attractive to fish. Another popular method of fishing deer hair flies is to cast the fly into a pool or run and allow it to sit on the surface of the water. This method is often effective for catching fish that are feeding on the surface.

Deer hair flies can also be fished with a variety of retrieves. One common retrieve is to strip the fly in short, quick jerks. This will cause the fly to dart and jump on the surface of the water, which can be attractive to fish.

#### **Tips for Fishing Deer Hair Flies**

Here are a few tips for fishing deer hair flies:

\* Use a floating line when fishing deer hair flies. \* Cast the fly upstream and allow it to drift downstream. \* Fish the fly in a variety of ways to find what the fish are responding to. \* Be patient when fishing deer hair flies. It may take some time for the fish to find your fly.

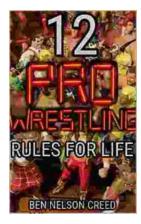
Deer hair flies are a versatile and effective fly pattern that can be used to catch a wide variety of fish. They are relatively easy to tie, making them a great choice for beginners. By following the steps outlined in this article, you can tie and fish deer hair flies with confidence.



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