

## SJRVFF Terrestrial Fly-Tying Workshop February 16, 2013

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**Please explain your Terrestrial fly-tying workshop:** It is a full-day, hands-on, fly-tying workshop designed to walk participants through 5 to 8 productive "Terrestrial" patterns. Terrestrial, meaning to me, bugs that are important for fly fishers to carry when there are no "hatches" to speak of.

**What is the goal of the workshop?** The goal of the workshop is to discuss various materials and techniques while tying some proven patterns for Trout, Bluegill and pond Bass. Different kinds of foams, legs, wings, hooks will be highlighted- each with a subtle rationale.

**What patterns do you think we might tie?** Assuming the general tying level is "intermediate" and above- I will have prepared materials for the following. We will tie as many as possible.

Blue Damsel Adult  
GR-Hopper  
Hi-Vis Ant

Wasp  
Japanese (Skilton) Beetle  
GR-Lady Bug

Cricket (extended body)  
Flashback Beetle

**What threads and tools are suggested?** You should have black thread in several sizes, tan or yellow in a larger size for the hopper.....and a spool of red or something to use as an accent color. You will need a hair stacker on one pattern and basic tying cement. I will have several hair stackers and my cement to pass around for any that don't bring theirs.

**What is the tying level of the workshop?** This workshop is designed for "intermediate" type of fly-tying interest. Although most of the patterns require basic skills and knowledge to complete with some practice and the difficulty level is not that high, our goal is to work through a number of patterns. Therefore, it is not necessarily a workshop for "beginners" as the pace would be too fast.

**What is the basic format of your tying workshops?** Typically, I prefer to explain the fly pattern, detail the materials and then tie the fly at the same time the class does. I have no problem jumping out of my seat to make sure everyone moves long at relatively the same speed. With that said, I can adapt to anything that suits the group if needed.

**How do you distribute materials?** Typically I spend quite a bit of time preparing the materials prior to the actual workshop day. I have the hooks sorted already. I have pre-cut the foam strips for most of the bugs to a desired width. So you can see my goal is to minimize the time passing around materials and maximize your time spent tying and learning techniques. That said- I realize we will pass around hackle capes for people to pluck and hair patches to select your own quantity.

**Will you be selling materials during the workshop?** I always suggest that participants support their local fly-tying shops. I will pass out a typed recipe sheets for the flies we will be tying so you will have a basic description for future use.

**Will you have anything for sale during the workshop?** Typically if clubs and groups don't object, I will bring along my fly-tying kits for sale as well as a couple of "proprietary" items such as my instructional DVD's or micro style scissors. These sales are not a focal point rather just a convenience if someone wants to make a purchase vs. the cost of me shipping it to them. I will have some thread with me for sale as well- thinking that you might not have tied with it before and your local shop might not have it.

**How do I pay you for the workshop or a sale during the workshop?** Your club is collecting payment for the workshop itself. If you purchase a Fly-Kit or anything else from me – please bring cash or a check.