
FLY OF THE MONTH

HOT CHOCOLATE (MODIFIED)



Hook:	TMC 5263 Size 10
Thread:	Dark Brown or Black 6/0 or 8/0
Weight:	(Optional) 6 wraps of .025 lead (I usually do not weight this fly)
Tail:	Chocolate Brown Marabou with 4 strands of copper Crystal flash or copper lite brite or angel hair.
Body:	Chocolate and black variegated chenille or black and orange variegated chenille (I prefer the orange and black)
Hackle:	Dyed brown grizzly saddle hackle palmered .
Wing:	Copper lite brite - 8 to 10 strands (if you get to much you can always cut out a few strands)

1. Put a thread wrap on the hook from just behind the eye to the bend and return the thread to approximately the 2/3 point.
2. Select a soft bunch of chocolate brown marabou and tie it in securely at the 2/3 point and wrap back to the bend. The tail should be about the length of the hook shank and sparse. If you are weighting the hook the lead should be wrapped on the first $\frac{1}{2}$ of the hook shank. The marabou tail should be tied on immediately behind the lead wraps forming a smooth body.
3. Tie in the hackle at the bend of the hook. Then tie in the chenille at the bend and wrap it forward to just behind the eye, leaving room to tie on the wing and form the head.
4. Palmer the hackle forward and tie it off. Remove the excess chenille and hackle.
5. Tie on the wing just behind the eye. The lite brite wing should lay back over the back and extend to the end of the tail.
6. Form a neat tapered head. Whip finish. Cement the head.

Fish the pattern with a sinking line. If I am fishing in 20 feet of water I count down about 30 seconds to 60 seconds and then start a slow strip. Kicking slowly as I strip. If that doesn't work speed it up - both the strip and the kick. You should fish it on or near the bottom. However, you can get a hit going down or stripping up.

This is a very good stillwater pattern. If you get it in front of the fish you'll get a hit so be ready!

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