
FLY OF THE MONTH

BARBIE DOLL SPECIAL

Hook:	TMC 101 size 14 or 2 to 3 X nymph hook size 14
Tail:	UV Krystal Flash or fine pearl Flashabou, sparse 4 or 5 fibers, $\frac{3}{4}$ hook shank long
Hackle:	Olive-dyed Grizzly hackle at the hook bend, two to three wraps
Body:	Peacock, two to three herl married to the thread.
Wing:	Light-phase Mallard breast or gray Partridge, down wing style or collar.
Head:	Red thread or small red bead (Lee Anderson says it also works well with one of the silver lined clear glass beads as a head.)



After the disclosure by "Barbie", Norb Spitzer tied the fly that Bernie Fink used for his 26" Brown on a TMC 101 hook. (It was tied without the tail. The tail was added after talking to John Beckstrand.)

I was assigned to find out the name and recipe for a peacock bodied nymph fly that was shared with our float tubers on Lake Crowley.

Bob Pharoah and John Beckstrand met a fishing couple from San Diego. The wife was very friendly and shared a fly that was producing frequently in the cooler water of the upper sections of Crowley. She said they were members of SDFF; but do not attend monthly meetings often. I did not see the fly but it is reported to be very similar to a Sheep Creek special with a thin peacock herl body, tied on a 1X or 2x long, size 14 or 12 nymph hook, with a red brown or olive grizzly hackle at the bend and a sparse partridge down wing, at the front, black or red thread head. Norb Spitzer shares the above recipe for a fly we decided to call the Barbie Special. It worked in the weed channels and near the banks of Lake Crowley when the small perch fry are being taken by the large browns. He tied three of the flies at the lake, in the door-way of his van to match the pattern of the day - another good reason to learn to tie flies.

Lucky Ketcham

