



Some Fly Tying References

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McClane's Standard Fishing Encyclopedia. 1965. A. J. McClane, ed., Holt, Rinehart and Winston. New York. Broad coverage of fish and fishing. Instruction on fly casting and fly tying with numerous patterns and color plates to provide graphic support for them.

Streamer Fly Tying and Fishing. 1966. Joseph D. Bates, Jr. The Stackpole Company. Harrisburg, PA. Comprehensive reference to the history and development of streamers and bucktails in North America. Extensive patterns and numerous color plates. The reference for streamer and bucktail tying.

Art Flick's New Streamside Guide to Naturals and Their Imitations. 1969. Arthur B. Flick. Crown Publishers, Inc., NY. Introduction to the Catskill school of fly tying. Patterns for the major hatches and stories to go with them. Most patterns useful in much of North American trout habitat.

Selective Trout. 1971. Doug Swisher and Carl Richards. Crown Publishers, Inc., New York. The introduction of the Swisher and Richards school of fly tying for selective trout, including extensive hatching tables, hatch matching suggestions based on their patterns, no-hackle patterns, emerger patterns and much more.

Salt Water Flies: Popular Patterns and How to Tie Them. 1972. Kenneth E. Bay and Hermann Kessler, J. B. Lippincott Company. Philadelphia. An early work on salt water flies and fly fishing with step-by-step illustrations of tying steps in 8 featured flies and 50 additional patterns. Color and black-and-white photographs.

Master Fly Tying Guide. 1972. Art Flick, ed., Crown Publishers, Inc., New York. Illustrated instruction on fly tying skills by master tyers Art Flick, Lefty Kreh, Ted Niemeyer, Carl Richards, Ernest Schwiebert, Helen Shaw, Doug Swisher, and Dave Whitlock, each featuring patterns in their area of special expertise. Excellent support and instruction.

Fly Tying Problems and Their Answers. 1972. John Veniard and Donald Downs. Crown Publishers, Inc., New York. Primarily a text on fly tying materials, problems encountered, and solutions to those problems.

Nymphs. 1973. Ernest Schwiebert. Winchester Press, New York.

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Extensive guide to larval aquatic insects and patterns to match them by the author of *Matching the Hatch*.

The Handbook of Fly Tying. 1989. Peter Gathercole. Stoeger Publishing. South Hackensack, NJ.
Well illustrated steps in fly tying, leading to development of many fundamental and advanced skills. Excellent for the visual learner. Many fly patterns provided.

Bug Making. 1993. C. Boyd Pfeiffer. Lyons and Burford Publishers. New York.
Complete guide to making hair and hard-bodied, soft-bodied, and hair or fur bugs. Excellent illustrations. Some patterns need to be expanded for the fly tyer.

Flytyers Masterclass. 1995. Oliver Edwards. Stoeger Publishing, South Hackensack, NJ.

Excellent illustrations and explanations of tying procedures, primarily British patterns, although many of them are adaptable to or useful in American waters as well.

Illustrated Dictionary of Trout Flies. 1995. John Roberts. Collins Willow, Harper Collins Publishers, London.

Extensive coverage of British and European patterns for trout and grayling arranged in alphabetical order by their pattern name.

The Art of Fly Tying. 1996. Claude Chartrand. Firefly Books. Buffalo, NY

Outstanding illustrated guide for the fly fisher, basic entomology, collecting advice, discussion of fly tying materials and skills and illustrated introductions to 116 patterns, mostly American, but some European and British patterns as well. Well-designed and thought through.

Angler's Fly Identifier. 1996. Dr. Stephen J. Simpson and Dr. George C. McGavin. Running Press. Philadelphia.

Excellent fly angler's entomology text coupled with fly tying instruction and specific patterns.