

Featured Tyer of the Month

Steve Isgrigg

Intruder Style

Isgrigg Version



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For the May Spotlight Featured Tyer, we are bringing someone that hasn't graced the Featured Member Tyer spotlight in real long time. This gentleman is a world fly fishing traveler. It is none other than Steve Isgrigg.

If you are not familiar with Steve, he is our current Liberian and avid raffle winner at the meetings. Steve has fly fished since he was nine years old, has tied for more than 30 years, and a member of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club for more than 15 years. He travels all over the world and fly fishes in unique places (*I think this is a prerequisite for becoming a librarian in our club*). Besides all of this, Steve enjoys our Montana Outing and our famed Youth School. In addition to those events you can usually see Steve working set-up and tear-down at the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo.

Steve will be tying the Squidro Fly (*no this fly has nothing to do with Sponge Bob Square Pants.*). If your not familiar with the Squidro, this fly is was designed by legendary steelhead guide Scott Howell, the self proclaimed "Skagit Master." The fly is an intruder

style fly designed and used for steelhead, but I know this series of flies are just as deadly for bass and pike. The term "intruder style" is what guides call flies that are a stripped down version of the original legendary salmon and steelhead flies, but still resemble the original pattern.

This fly is designed less bulky, with rubber legs instead of fur and feathers. In the water, the fly has a large silhouette profile, is more durable, is less bulky so it is very fast sinking, creates lots of action, and is easier to cast since rubber does not hold water like natural materials do. The color creations are endless once you start tying these unique flies.

So bring your vise, your tools, and tie along with a master tyer, global bound fly fisher, and get your Squidro on!

SHANK: 35 – 55 mm

STINGER LOOP: 30# Fire Line or Coated Wire

THREAD: 8/0 or 6/0 or 140

REAR DUBBING BUMP: UV Ice Dub

REAR LEGS: Sili Legs ... one skein ... about 1/3 of the length

REAR FLASH: 3-4 strands ... on each side ... or on the top

BODY: Flash Over Head Cement or Super Glue

FRONT LEGS: Sili Legs ... The other part of the skein ... about 2/3 of the length ... Tied in Forward

FRONG DUBBING BUMP: UV Ice Dub ... behind the front Legs ... when done move thread to in front of legs

FRONT FLASH: 3-4 strands ... on each side ... or on the top

EYES: Lead Dumbbell Eyes ... black ... painted ... holographic

FRONT HACKLE: Strung Hackle and Pheasant Rump dyed to color ... the long iridescent ones

HEAD DUBBING: Figure 8 around eyes to form head