



August Fly Of The Month

Swedish

Double Legs

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For our August Featured Fly pattern, we will be going across the big pond, to the land of the Ascomanni, or ashmen (otherwise known as the Vikings) to the country of Sweden for the “Double Legs,” by Erik Andreasson.

Erik is a nuclear engineer who lives near Lake Malaren, which is located in the middle of Sweden, with his family where he fishes primarily for perch, pike, zander (relative to walleye), and eel. When fishing south Sweden he will occasionally go after sea run trout. He is a self-taught avid fly tier and fly fisher since 1994. Here are a few of his other patterns: Glassbead M.O.E., Glass Head Buzzer, Flat Streamer, Skunk Tail, Double Legs (alternative) and the Mara-Blonde.

This month’s fly pattern resembles the traditional style of Scandinavian fly

pattern in construction and appearance, like the Omoe Brush and many others featuring triple and double hackles. A major point with this fly is the fore and aft hackle creating great movement within the water. Combine the addition of a bead head and the pattern has even more movement when you strip it in.

Another great feature of this fly is the fluorescent green tag. The color is common amongst the non-cased Caddises, and even the egg laying adults. Like most fly patterns, variation in tying materials can create the pattern in a different format or strength.

Materials like peacock dubbing instead of peacock herl, hackle color, or tie the pattern on a 60 degree jig hook with a slotted bead, are just a few of the different changes that can be used effectively.

Whether you fish for cold water or warm water species, give this pattern a try. If you are signed up for the first ever “Muskegon River Trip,” tying this fly down to a size 14, 16, or smaller will give you a good chance at tight lines if you are into using emerger’s or nymphs. Until next month...Tight Lines and Snazzy Flies.



HOOK: TMC 200 size 10 (original pattern) Wet fly hooks like Mustad 3906, 3906B, and smaller

HEAD: Bead (brass, gold, black or copper) OPTIONAL

THREAD: Black

TAG: Fluorescent green thread or Floss

HACKLE: India Hen, black (original) or Hungarian partridge

RIB: Extra fine green copper wire.

BODY: Peacock herl (original) or hares ear dubbing blend

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