

These flies include several of my old favorites from decades of fishing the upper North Platte in Wyoming and a couple of excellent, lesser known patterns for Front Range streams. The old favorites are my variations on some classic patterns that don't get used much today. I threw the rainbow smelt in for fun. It's a great fly for really big brook trout in the Nipigon River, where the world record brook trout was caught.

Mega wooly

Hook - 2x or 3x long size 6 TMC9395
Thread - black
Weight - .030 lead wire
Tail - brown hackle tips
Body - black wool yarn
Rib - medium copper wire
Hackle - brown saddle

Little Hornberg streamer

Hook - 2x long size 10 Dai-Riki 075
Weight - .020 lead wire
Body - gold flat tinsel or gold braid
Tail - mallard breast feather filaments
Under wing - yellow marabou
Over wing - mallard breast feathers
Hackle - grizzly

Modern Montana nymph

Hook - 3x long size 8 or 10 Dai-Riki 710
Thread - black
Weight - .020 lead wire
Tail - brown hackle tips
Body - black wool yarn
Thorax - yellow chenille with black yarn overlay
Hackle/legs - brown

Charlie Brooks stonefly

Hook - 2x or 3x long size 6 or 8 Dai-Riki 710
Thread - black
Weight - .025 lead wire
Tail - black biots
Body/thorax - black wool
Rib - copper wire
Thorax - white ostrich, brown and grizzly hackle

Hairwing Royal Coachman streamer

Hook - 3x long size 8 or 10 Dai-Rik 710i
Weight -.015 lead wire
Tail - ringneck pheasant breast feathers or golden pheasant
Body - rear and front, peacock herl, middle red spanflex
Wing - version 1- white calftail fibers, version 2- white mink strip
Throat brown hackle fibers

Milt's orange crush

Copper version:
Hook - size 14 or 16 1x long TMC2488
Thread - bronze or rust
Tail - light brown biots
Body - medium brown biot or rust antron wrapped in clear midge tubing
Thorax - rust synthetic dubbing, overlaid on back with orange Crystal Flash, secured with Loon UV
Legs - small light brown round rubber or orange barred
Wapsi nymph sililegs
Bead - copper tungsten 7/64

Yellow version:

Hook - size 16 1x long TMC2488
Thread - yellow
Tail - yellow biots
Body - yellow biot
Thorax - yellow synthetic dubbing overlaid with yellow Crystal Flash
Legs - small cream round rubber
Bead - gold tungsten 7/64

Milt's go to fly

Hook - Dai-Riki 270 or TMC 200R size 14-18
Body - olive 2mm foam and light brown or tan razor foam
Thread -olive
Rib - fine gold wire
Hackle - light blue dun
Wing - deer body hair with dark tips, pink or magenta antron
Legs - small brown round rubber
Head - Arizona peacock or peacock herl

Rainbow smelt

Hook - size 2, 4x long TMC9395
Thread - black
Tail - mallard flank fibers
Body - purple cactus chenille, holographic cactus chenille
Rib - fine silver wire
Wing - white rabbit zonker strip, green and copper flashabou, small holographic Flashabou
Front overwing - chartreuse rabbit strip
Cheeks and throat - mallard breast feathers
Eyes - holographic, 3/16 stick-on secured with Loon UV resin