

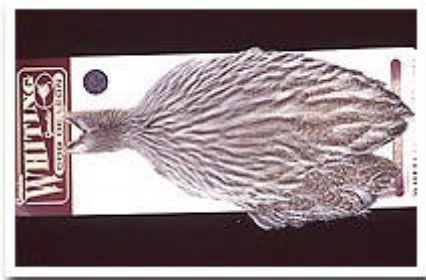
Sim's Seducer, Brahma Sutra

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Sim's Seducer

Recently, I was fishing with a friend at his club. His name is Simmons B. Savage; Sim, for short. He showed me a streamer fly that was tied out of grizzly hackles, and nothing else. I had with me a Coq de Leon hen cape I'd gotten from Whiting Farms. I suggested that we try tying the fly with these feathers, which we did.

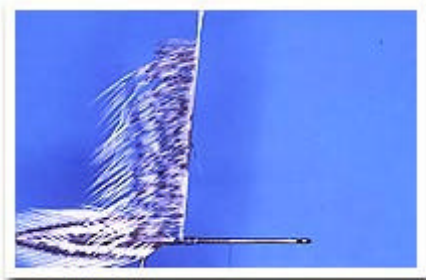
It turned out to be a great fish-taker, especially in high water, of which we've had our share lately. The action of the wrapped feathers really gets the trout's attention. I've decided to name it Sim's Seducer. Here's how to tie it:



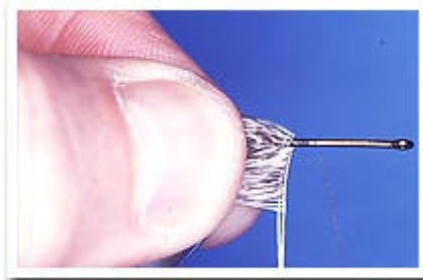
Step 1. First, get a Coq de Leon hen cape (neck) like this one.



Step 2. Mount a 3XL or 4XL hook in the vise, and wrap a small thread foundation at the rear. Then make a "tail", using two feathers, cupped-sides-inward, tying them on streamer-style. On larger hook sizes, you may want to use two feathers.



Step 3. Select one or two hackle feathers, spread the barbs, and tie them in by the tip end, with the pretty side of the feather facing forward. Then hold them by the butts and fold them, as shown.



Step 4. Wrap the feathers forward, reinforcing the folding as you go. Keep adding feathers until you've almost reached the hook eye.



Step 5. Tie off, and you're done. Here's what the finished product looks like.

Sim's Seducer, Brahma Sutra continued

Back home, I tried tying this fly using Brahma hen feathers, also sent to me by Dr. Tom Whiting. These pelts are a bit different, as the feathers are considerably smaller, and there's a bunch of soft feathers at the rear, which are called Chickabou. I have named this fly the Brahma Sutra. Here's the drill:



Step 1. Make a Woolly Bugger type of tail out of one or two Chickabou feathers.



Step 2. Using the small, speckled feathers from the Brahma pelt, follow the same procedure as described for the Sim's Seducer.



Here's what the finished fly looks like dry.



And here's what it looks like wet.



Both of these flies can be enhanced by first sliding a bead or cone onto the hook. Here's a Bead-Head Seducer tied from a brown-dyed Coq de Leon hen cape.

This will give you tyers something to work on during the off-season. Check your local shop for the CDL and Brahma pelts. The latter is sold as Soft Hackle with Chickabou.

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