

Introduction to Tying Tube Flies

Date: Thu, 13 Mar 08

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Location: Grace Lutheran Church (Basement),
14 Bonnechere St. W., Eganville, Ontario

Instructors: Brian Roadhouse and Mike Fuller

Cost: Dependent upon if you purchase or make your own tube tying tool

- INCLUDES:**
- ✓ Instructions/ Demonstrations
 - ✓ 40+ page Tube Fly Lesson Plan
 - ✓ Assorted Tube Pack



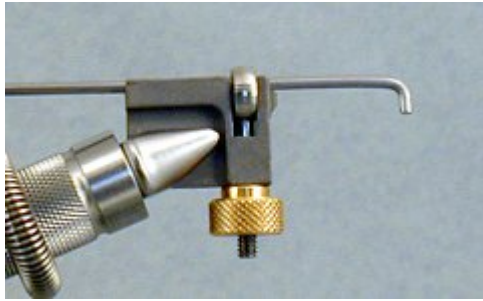
**The Blue Charm
1" Copper Tube Fly**



**The Red Nosed Ally's Shrimp
1" Copper Tube Fly**

What the experts say- 10 Important advantages that Tube Flies offer over traditional patterns tied on hook shanks;

1. Hook size can be varied. Because the hook is tied directly to the leader, which is threaded through the tube body, you can use a hook style, or size, that is appropriate to your fishing that day.
2. You can also combine different parts into one fly. Saltwater anglers often will add a popper head in front of a tube fly when surface commotion is needed. You can increase the length of a fly by stacking tubes or adding a tube fly ahead of your conventionally tied pattern.
3. Tube flies last longer. The fly will move up the leader once a fish is hooked. This helps in keeping fish with sharp teeth from shredding your pattern.
4. You don't have to throw a fly away if the hook breaks or the point is over sharpened.
5. A tube fly (tied on a plastic tube, without weight) stuck in a tree or on a submerged log can be recovered. Simply pull and break the leader and then catch the fly as it falls free of the hook, or pick it up as it floats to the surface.
6. Leverage is eliminated. The hooks used with tube flies are short shanked, and since the body of the fly is not connected to the hook there is no leverage being applied against the hook from a long shank.
7. Tube flies make releasing fish easier. You can move a tube fly up the leader to gain clear access to the hook. This reduces the time needed to disengage the hook and release the fish.
8. Airlines allow tubes in the plane's cabin (pack your hooks in your checked luggage).
9. The eye of the hook and the tippet-to-hook knot are completely hidden from wary or conditioned fish.
10. Movement. Tube flies are able to spin on the leader, not fast like a spinner blade, but slowly; showing additional movement that traditionally tied patterns do not provide.



Basic Starter Tube Tool

Basic HMH Starter Tube Tool

Works in any vise that holds 2/0 hooks. Tool body precision built of stainless steel with brass fittings. Basic HMH Starter Tool includes 2 stainless steel pins (.041" & .062") that fit all HMH tubes. **\$39.95**



Premium HMH Tube Tool

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Same tool body as Starter Tool, but with two machined, tapered mandrels, .041" and .062" dia. **\$69.95**

Comes with a HMH Assorted Tube Kit.



HMH Tube Spinner Vise - C Clamp

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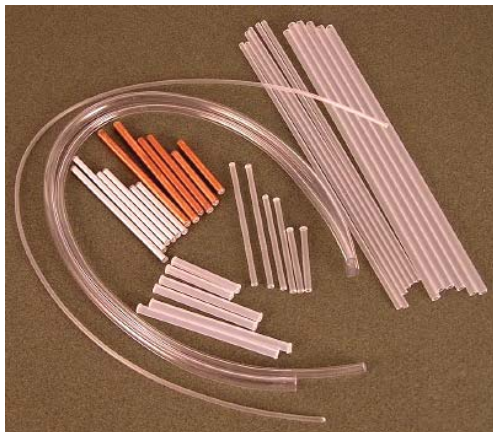
The new Spinner is HMH's first dedicated, in-line rotary tube vise. It is precision machined of stainless steel, tool steel, and hard anodized aluminum, making the Spinner the sturdiest and most versatile tube vise on the market. Low profile design gives best access to any tube. The Spinner lets you clamp tubes up to 1/8" o.d. directly in the jaws for an immovable hold. You can also use pins to mount tubes. The Spinner's handle is removable for more precise rotary control. Includes two Starter Pins and complete instructions. Pedestal is available separately. **\$159.95**

Assorted Tube Pack

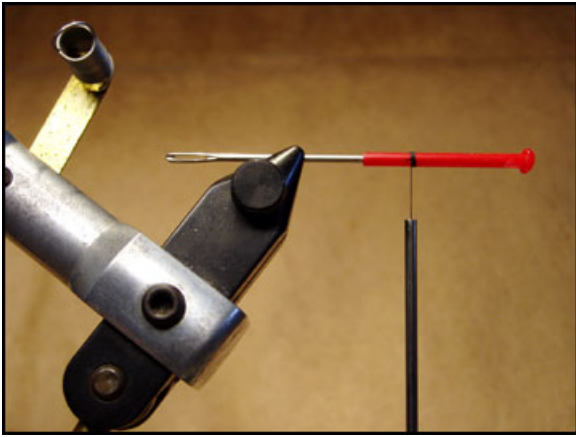
Contents:

- Metal Tubes (brass, copper, aluminium)
- Teflon Liner for Metal Tubes
- Plastic Tubes
- Junction Tubing
- Assorted tube fly hooks

(Included with lesson)



Example of an Assorted Tube Pack



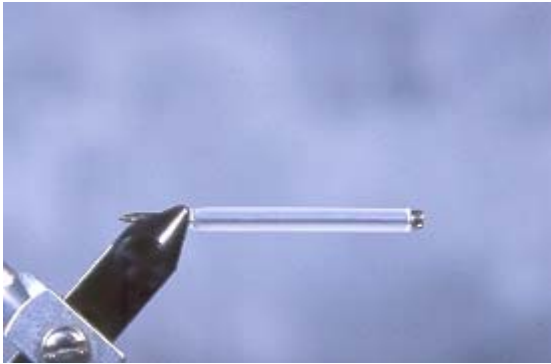
Needle Tube Fly Tool

Advantages:

- cheap
- tapered
- many diameters and lengths available

Disadvantages:

- tube prone to slipping
- sharp point



Finishing Nail Tube Fly Tool

Advantages:

- cheap
- better than using needle
- many diameters and lengths available
- nail head helps to secure tube

Disadvantages:

- certain vises may not hold nail securely

Homemade Wire Tube Fly Tool

Made from stiff wire such as

- large paper clips, fold-back clips or
- spooled wire

Advantages:

- cheap
- many diameters and lengths available

Disadvantages:

- must design and build
- different diameters required

Also see Paul Marriner's article "Tube Flies- for Atlantic Salmon and Just About Everything Else"-
The Canadian Fly Fisher, Jan/ Mar 2004 Issue

