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HMH Vises Newsletter

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Happy Holidays from HMH!

Welcome to the Holiday edition of our HMH Newsletter. We look forward to sharing many different fly tying topics with you and hope you will find the newsletter both entertaining and informative.

Great News...The HMH Standard Vise Receives Fly Rod & Reels 2009 Kudos Award!

Fly Rod & Reel

Kudo09 Awards

Kudos (koo-dohs) n. [Greek Kydos, akin to Greek akouein, to hear]

1. award, honor; 2. Compliment, praise

Exceptional products deserve recognition. And so we set out each year to reinforce some of the best and brightest ideas in fly-fishing with *Fly Rod & Reel's* ultimate sign of respect: a Kudo Award. Our winners for 2009 have helped to make fly fishing more comfortable, more enjoyable, more doable and more fun. And in this our 30th year, we award an Innovation/Achievement Kudos for a product that's aced the test of time. We'll award this I/A Kudos to one product in each issue this year, to commemorate 30 years of innovation in our sport.



HMH Standard Vise



It's worth remembering, amid the fetish for the new in general, and the popularity of rotary fly-tying in particular, that conventional stationary vises continue to serve tiers handsomely, as they have for a long, long time. And none of these stand out with greater distinction than the HMH Standard, one of the very first precision-machined, fine-quality vises built for lifetime use. Though it has been tweaked and tuned a bit over time, the essential design has remained unchanged for 34 years under the very sane, but currently unpopular, theory that you don't fix what ain't broke, that change for its own sake is the pursuit of novelty, not improvement.

The HMH Standard was also one of the first vises to offer 360-degree jaw rotation, and some tiers do use this vise in rotary mode. But I find the Standard at its very best for stationary tying. The long barrel provides ample hand room beneath the jaws, and a clean design overall makes for an uncluttered tying field. The three interchangeable jaws and a sturdy, substantial cam lever with a positive-locking flat put the death grip on virtually all sizes of hooks and give the Standard a useful and pleasing versatility.

But, in my estimation, where Standard really shines is in tying soft flies. The Micro Jaw tapers to an unobtrusive slimness and grips a hook solidly with a remarkably small contact area, while the infinitely adjustable head-angle allows you to raise the jaws to a more vertical position. The upshot is a degree of hand access to, and working room around, tiny hook shanks that I think is unsurpassed in vises. For its quality and enduring design, the HMH Standard is one of the very best pieces of equipment in fly fishing that can legitimately be called "Classic." www.hmhvises.com —Ted Leeson

Featured Product

HMH Standard Vise



A great tool that has stood the test of time...

Durable. Simple. Beautiful. An updated original with improved chassis/bearing system for better collet support, better rotation, and infinite head angle adjustment. All parts are precision-machined and carefully finished using top-quality stainless and tool steels and brass. Each vise is individually hand fitted and tuned for maximum performance.

If you're looking for the comfort and stability that comes with a full-size vise, not to mention dependability, speed, versatility, and tying elegance, then you can't own a better tool for tying than the Standard

Features:

- Infinite Head Angle Adjustment
- Longest Tying Platform for

Gift Giving (and Receiving) Ideas from HMH

Need to buy a gift for a fishing friend? Or, maybe you need to send a hint to a friend or loved one for a gift you'd really like this Holiday season (unlike the tie you received last year). Here are some great gift ideas that are sure to make everyone happy.

HMH SX Vise



MSRP \$130

HMH Micro Jaw



MSRP \$42.95

KR Linetender by HMH



MSRP \$39.95

HMH Starter Tube Tool



MSRP \$24.95

HMH Tube Fly Boxes



MSRP \$24.95-26.95

HMH Tyers Tool Bag

- Better Tying
- Hardened Tool Steel Jaws
- Quick Change Jaw Feature
- Hand Polished Stainless Steel Chasis
- Ultra-smooth 360° Full Rotary Action
- Smooth Disc Drag Rotary Tension Adjustment
- Large, Comfort-Grip Locking Cam Lever
- Fast, One-Hand Operation
- Double Spring Material Clip
- Choice of Powder Coated Sculpted Pedestal Base, or C-Clamp
- Neoprene Vise Pouch Included
- **Lifetime Guarantee**

MSRP \$279



MSRP \$34.95

HMH Spinner Tube Vise



MSRP \$115

So there are a few ideas. You can find the entire HMH line of vises and accessories on our web site.

www.hmhvises.com

Ask for these products at your favorite fly shop, contact HMH directly for a list of dealers or use the link below to go directly to our Dealer's Directory.

www.hmhvises.com/dealers.html

Hot Fly

Spidergrub

By Matt at Day5Flies



This month's **Hot Fly** comes from Matt at Day5Flies.

Matt says his goal was to use the concepts involved in finesse bass fishing; utilizing slow movement, twitching, and life-like wiggles.

Featured DVD's...



Steelhead Flies - Tying Classics by Dec Hogan and Marty Howard DVD

Detailed tying instructions for this fly and other warm water streamers are available on DVD at www.day5flies.com

Hook: 1/0 3366 Mustad or 2/0 90° degree jig hook

Weed Guard: 30# hard mason mono

Bead: 3/16 Cyclops or 3/16-7/32 tungsten beads

Skirt: Crazy legs

Tail: Zonker strip

Body: Zonker strip in a loop

Thread: 210-denier thread

Lead wire: .030



Matt is a frequent contributor in the HMH Fly Tyer's Forum.

Thanks Matt!

Steelhead flies are perhaps the most beautiful and alluring in all of angling. Mastering the skills to tie them to perfection is a rewarding challenge that is easily attainable. In this program veteran steelheaders and fly tying instructors Dec Hogan (tying on an HMH Standard by the way) and Marty Howard take you through a step by step process on how to create classic steelhead flies that you can admire and fish with confidence. The carefully chosen patterns and techniques that Dec and Marty demonstrate will provide you with the knowledge and skill necessary to tie an infinite number of patterns and styles. Speys, Dees, wets, dries, marabous, muddlers, and prawns, its all in here and more! Spectacular river footage along the way helps fuel the passion. The boys even hook a steelhead or two. Running time is just under four hours on two DVDs. MSRP \$29.95



Tube Flies for Steelhead

Veteran steelheader Rick Kustich gives excellent instruction on tying new and innovative steelhead patterns effective for both Northwest and Great Lakes fisheries. MSRP \$21.95

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