

## **Marty O Howard**

Marty started tying within weeks of casting a fly rod for trout and can still recall the events leading up to the first fish caught on a fly he had tied. Though the event took place almost 30 years ago, he can still remember every detail as if it were yesterday. The fly, a Brown Bivisible, tied on an old Mustad hook with cheep hackle was credited with the catch and started Marty down a path that has turned into a life long passion.

Marty's love for tying quickly spread into all aspects of fly fishing and within the first year of his newly formed addiction, he started tying flies for species of fish that live far from his local waters. Marty's passion for tying has taken him all over the world in a search for fish that will take one of his finely dressed flies.

Marty's favorite pastime is swing flies for steelhead but he still enjoys presenting small dry flies to finicky trout in small streams. He has been very fortunate to have experienced fly fishing at its best in both fresh and salt water, but is still in search of the ghost fish that haunts his dreams.

Marty is a little obsessive in his pursuit to catch fish on flies but would be the first to say he enjoys teaching the art of fly tying as much if not more. His drive to "pay it forward" motivates him to teach in both small class settings to as many of the fly tying expos as time and travel will allow him to attend.

One of Marty's earliest goals attached to his fly tying was to learn how to take photos of his flies. With the introduction of digital cameras Marty has seen his goal become a reality, and his fly shots are second to none.

Marty's connection with HMH goes way back, he replaced his first vise, a Thomson A, with a Spartan back in the late 80s and is now tying on a Standard with a tube fly attachment. To quote Marty, "a classic fly needs to be tied on a classic vise" and HMH is his preferred tool of the trade.

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