

Pink Lady

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I love tying and fishing streamer flies! Here in New Hampshire, we fish them both trolling and casting. The beautiful fly shown here can be fished either way. It's called the Pink Lady. There are a number of dressings. This one is my favorite. For more details, refer to American Angler magazine, January/February issue.

Dressing:

Hook	Long-shanked streamer hook of your choice. Here, a Dai-ichi 7XL, model 2370, size 2.
Thread	First, pink Uni-Stretch, then red 8/0 Uni-Thread or similar.
Body	Soft pink Uni-Stretch, mounted in a bobbin.
Rib	Medium-fine (size 14) flat gold tinsel.
Underwing	A sparse bunch of white bucktail.
Wing	Two orange hackles, outside of which are two grizzly hack-
Shoulders	Mallard flank, about 1/3 the length of the wing.
Throat	A bunch of yellow hackle barbs, beard-style.
Cheeks (optional)	Jungle cock.
Also	Optional but highly recommended: Zap-A-Gap.

Tying Steps:



Step 1. With the Uni-Stretch mounted in a bobbin, wrap the body, meanwhile tying in the ribbing tinsel at the rear. It helps to take one turn behind the tie-in point of the tinsel; this sets up the first turn of ribbing.



Step 2. After completing the body, tie off the Uni-Stretch and tie on the red thread.



Step 3. Wrap the ribbing and tie in the underwing, meanwhile creating a neat thread base for the wing.



Step 4. A helpful trick; when preparing the wing feathers, strip off a bit more material from the bottom than the top. This helps to get the wing to lie flat over the body.

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Step 5. The wing in place.



Step 6. The shoulders and throat in place.



Step 7. A small droplet of Zap-A-Gap on the back side of the jungle cock adds durability.



Step 8. The finished fly.

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