

Tips & Techniques using Bill's Bodi-Braid

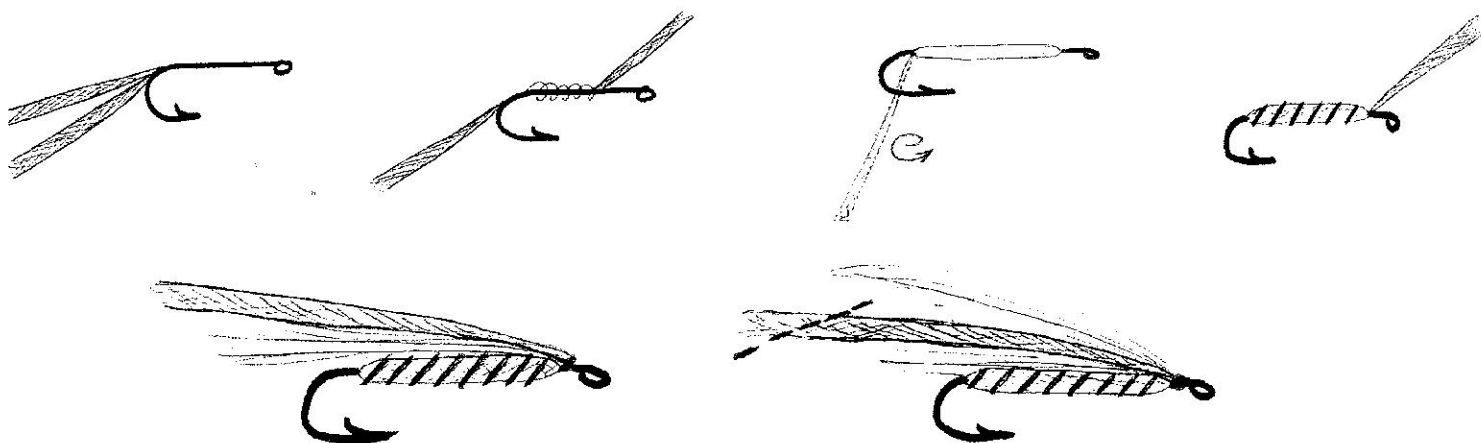
Tip #1 - Bill's Bodi Braid is available on 10 yard cards or 30 yards spools. If you tie a lot of flies we suggest purchasing the 30 yard spool, you'll save money and make less trips to the Fly Shop.

Tip #2 - When working with Bill's Bodi-Braid off of the 10 yard cards, we recommend stretching it as you take it off of the card. This will take all of the kinks out of the braid and it will lie nice and flat for you.

Tip #3 - If you wind a body with BBB on the hook shank, don't cut off the excess tag end. Fold it back and incorporate it into the wing as a flash material. Use a bodkin for short lengths or a comb for longer lengths to tease out the braid.

Tip #4 - Bill's Bodi-Braid accepts permanent markers such as Pantone, Sharpie's or High Lighters. You can create an endless array of color combinations or customize your Loop Fly's.

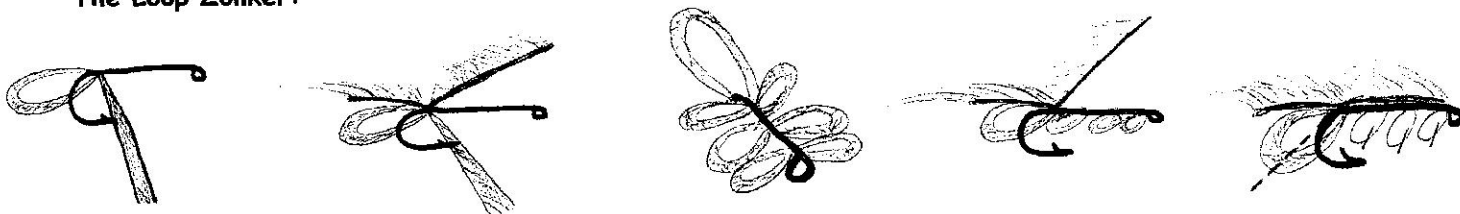
Tip #5 - You can create ribbed steamer bodies easily by twisting the BBB. See below for



Tip #5 Instructions:

Select 2 contrasting colors of Bill's Bodi-Braid. Tie both on at the rear of the hook. Wrap the lighter color up the hook shank creating an under body. Now take the darker color and twist it into a tight thread. Wrap it, open palmer style creating a rib. Continuously twist it while palmering, this keeps it from unraveling. Do not cut off the excess when you reach the front of the fly, leave it to use as the wing flash. Tie on some bucktail as the lower wing. Now fold back the BBB and cut the end at a severe angle. Comb out the braid to create the wing flash. Now add some more bucktail for the upper wing, top with peacock herl, tie off and your done.

The Loop Zonker:



The Loop Zonker utilizes the same looping techniques as the Loop Fly. It is basically a rear tail loop and a number of side loops which will fill in the flank and belly of the fly. The Zonker strip is secured at the rear, and lastly at the front of the fly forming the head. Cut all loops and comb them out to complete the fly.