

SINKING BEES, WASPS, HORNETS

McGinty

This might be considered one of the first or at least an early bee pattern with the alternate bands of black and yellow chenille. It is and always has been a sinking fly, and ideal for panfish and bluegill. It is also good for trout and other species, but panfish seem to be particularly attracted to the right colors of this fly.

Hook: Regular hook, sizes 12 to 8

Thread: Brown

Tail: Mixed red-dyed hackle fibers and barred teal flank feathers

Body: Alternate bands of black and yellow chenille

Wings: White-tipped mallard secondary wing quill sections

Hackle: Brown

Weight (Optional): Strips or a short wrap or lead wire for weight and fast sinking

Tying instructions: Tie in the thread in the center of the hook shank and wrap to the bend of the hook, wrapping down the mixed teal and red hackle fibers for the tail. Tie in the black and yellow strands of chenille. Wrap the thread forward followed by the spiral bands of yellow and black chenille. Tie off both behind the hook eye, leaving enough room for the hackle and wings. Tie in a throat or collar hackle, wrapping the collar hackle, if used, and tying off. Prepare the wings of mallard and tie in place over the collar hackle. Clip the excess and tie off, then complete the fly with a whip finish.



1 To tie an underwater bee pattern such as a McGinty, tie in a tail of red hackle and barred teal along with a strand each of black and yellow chenille.



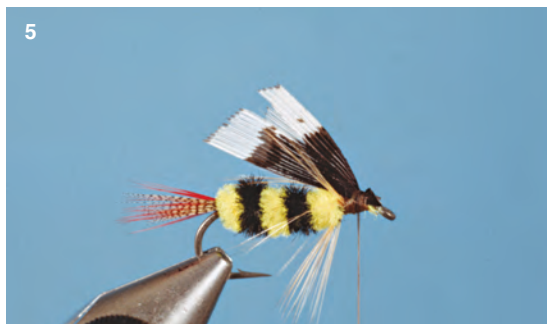
2 Wrap the thread and then the two strands of chenille forward to make the alternate bands of the bee body.



3 Tie in a hackle to make the legs.



4 The McGinty, with the hackle tied in place but the wings still to be added.



5 The completed McGinty with the wings of white tipped mallard or similar feather tied in place, wet fly style.

Variations:

Tie with an initial wrap or placement of lead or non-lead strips for weight and to aid sinking of the fly. No other variations are suggested, since this would change the fly from the basic McGinty pattern.