

# The Ally McCoist

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*The Ally McCoist was invented by John Esplin of Bonnybridge, Scotland (who has now sadly passed away). He named it whilst fishing at Wellsfield fishery to WIND UP the other fishermen there who he new to be Celtic supporters!*

*It can be fished on floating, intermediate or sinking lines with various retrieves, fast or slow, depending on how the Trout want it and will catch you fish anywhere (so many thanks John).*



## Dressing

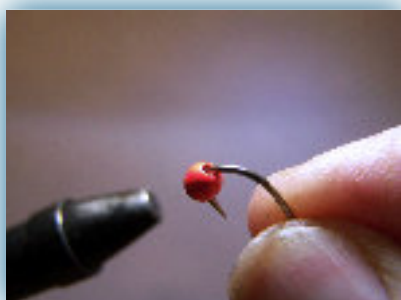
Hook: Kamasan B175 size 8

Bead: Flybox Flo Red 3.8mm Brass Hot head.

Thread: Black Uni 8 ought.

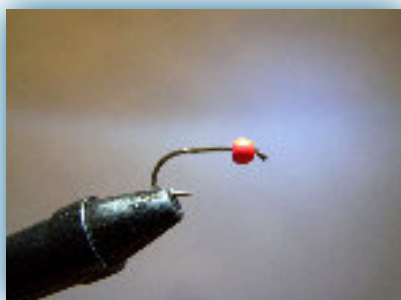
Body: Olive UV Fritz ( I use Bob Swann's UV Polar 15mm Olive) Ebay site "Castlefeathers".

Tail: Black Marabou with 10 strands of Gold holographic Flashabou.



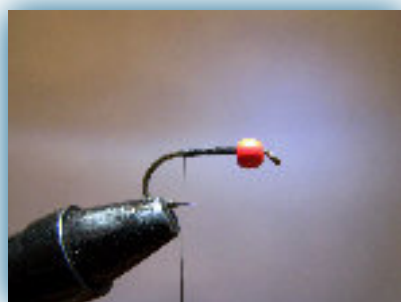
### Step 1

Select a 3.8mm Flo Red, hot head, brass bead and insert the point of the hook into the small hole in the bead.



### Step 2

Push bead into place by the eye of the hook and set it in the vice (Ping it).



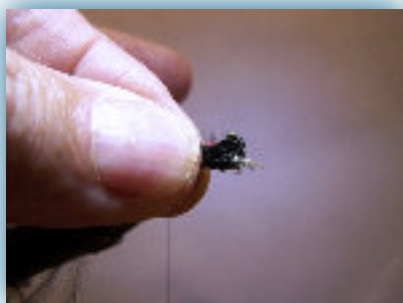
### Step 3

Catch on the black tying thread and run it down the hook shank, in touching turns, to a point above and halfway between the hook point and the barb. Remove waste tag.



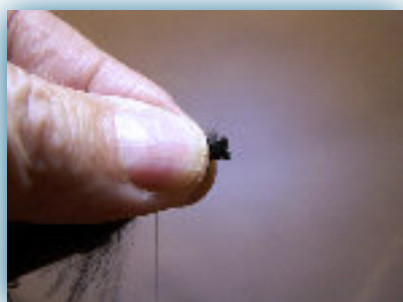
**Step 4**

Tear off a bunch of marabou...



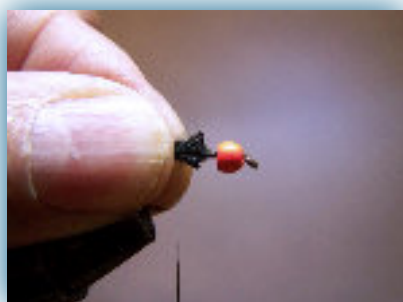
**Step 5**

...fold it...



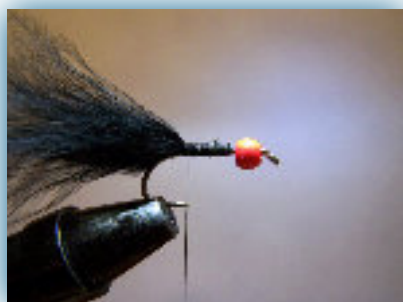
**Step 6**

...and trim the butt's.



**Step 7**

Using "pinch and loop" technique, catch the marabou into place...



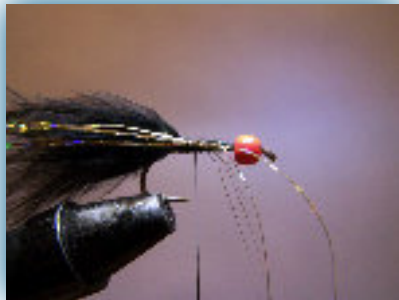
**Step 8**

...then bind it down onto hook shank, returning tying thread to catch in point.



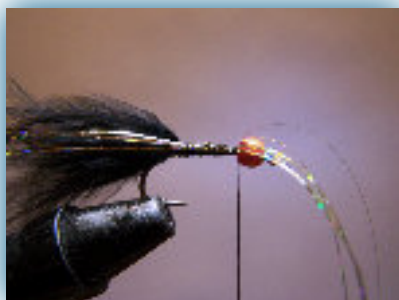
**Step 9**

Tip: I always lift the tail and put a couple of turns of thread between tail and hook shank. This "kick's" the tail up and help's to stop it wrapping around the bend of the hook when fishing it.



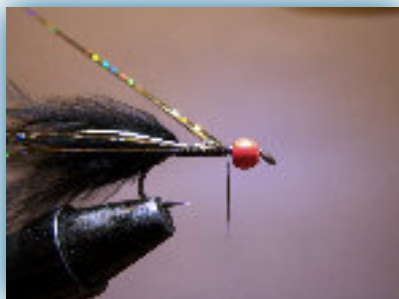
**Step 10**

Select 5 strands of gold holographic Flashabou tinsel and catch them on top and to side of tail.



**Step 11**

Bind them down onto the hook shank up to the bead...



**Step 12**

...then take the remaining tinsel to the other side...



**Step 13**

...and bind them down on top and to side of the body.



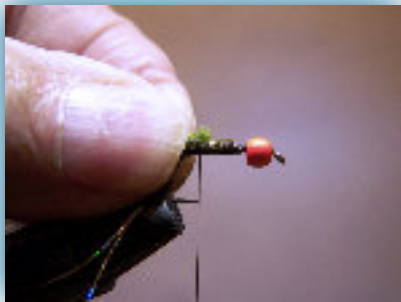
**Step 14**

Trim waste flashabou to length of tail.



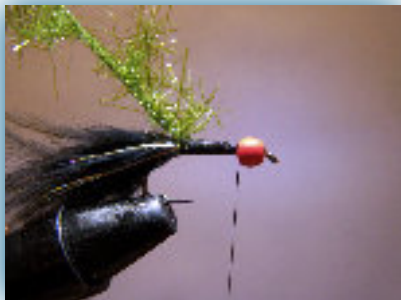
**Step 15**

Remove fritz to leave a bare core at the end...



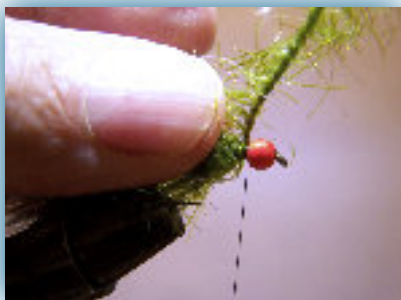
**Step 16**

...and tie tag onto hook shank.



**Step 17**

Advance tying thread up to bead.



**Step 18**

Wind the olive fritz up the hook shank to the bead (folding back the fibres as you wind).



**Step 19**  
Secure the olive fritz...



**Step 20**  
...remove waste...



**Step 21**  
...and whip finish.



**The Finished Fly**  
Remove tying thread and add a dab of varnish to the thread wraps.  
The finished fly.



**The Other Side**