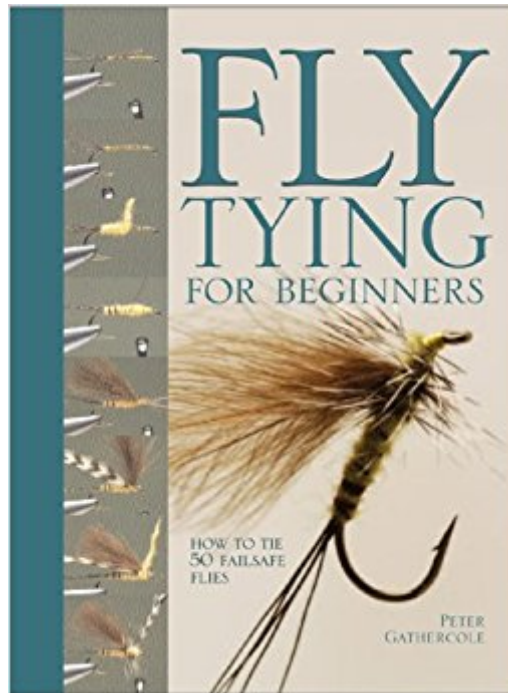




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Fly Tying For Beginners: How To Tie 50 Failsafe Flies



Synopsis

Any angler who takes up the art of fly tying will discover an added dimension to the wonderful sport of fly fishing. This profusely illustrated instruction book shows beginners how to craft 50 professional-looking flies for trout and salmon fishing. Each fly-tying project consists of step-by-step instructions accompanied by close-up photos of the work in progress and a large photo of the finished fly. Beginners will learn how to make dry flies, wet flies, bugs, nymphs, hairwings, and streamers. They'll also get advice on which flies are best for catching which variety of fish. Author Peter Gathercole is the ideal fly-tying instructor, offering a thorough grounding in the core techniques required for fly tying, while assuming no previous knowledge on the reader's part. As he instructs, he also demonstrates that with good guidance and a little practice, every angler can tie a fly that is good enough to fool a fish. More than 500 color photos.

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Customer Reviews

If you're seeking to teach yourself the craft behind fly fishing, this book should be on your radar. You need to know, though, that this book is not the most thorough of introductory books available on the subject and a true beginner might be better served with others. First, the good. Peter's work is very accessible. The visual presentation of the material is by far the best out there. Each of the patterns is rated for difficulty, the types of fish each pattern will catch, the recipe/materials that are required and a step-by-step how-to for each pattern is provided. Every pattern provided has a detailed close-up picture of the fly, large process photos for the critical steps and references to other patterns that utilize the same techniques. There are 14 core techniques shown in depth, all of which

are important to know in order to tie a variety of flies. Peter covers the basics of the tools and materials that are available to the fly tier. If you also purchase his "Fly Tying Bible," I thought it was great that there is not very much overlap of the patterns in each book, and where there is, it's presented as an alternate pattern. Overall, it's enough information to get started in fly tying, but there's a lot more to know. Now the bad. In my opinion, this book will only take a true beginner so far, but will leave them hanging in too many places. Starting with materials, I had a lot of questions about the various materials out there and in my opinion, the necessary depth isn't in this book. Frankly, a book that doesn't explain the difference between a cape and a saddle to a beginner is missing the boat. Also, there is no truly helpful information about hooks, which is probably the most intimidating subject when it comes to fly tying.

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