

---

Subject: : Warm Water & Salt Water Fly-Fishing

Topic: : Whats your favorite Crayfish patern

Re: Whats your favorite Crayfish patern

Author: : Fishidiot

Date: : 2009/12/20 12:05:32

URL:

Plain marabou in a bugger or Holshag Hackle Fly (as shown in Frederick's photo) are tough to beat - not only for smallies but trout too. I think crayfish are under-rated as trout food. Big browns love 'em in the summer, esp at night.

Anyway, in keeping with my preferance for very heavy and highly realistic flies, here's "my" crayfish. The claws are foam sandwiched with felt. The foam claws "stand up" in defensive posture when the fly is on the bottom. Under the cray's tail is a large dumbbell weight. The hook is a jig hook. I find this pattern very effective when fished low and slow in a hopping retrieve or fished dead drift. In the end, though, less complex patterns that lean toward impressionism probably catch as many bass. I think the key with crayfish patterns is to use a LOT of weight.

**Attach file:**

---

 **Crayfish 1.jpg** (62.00 KB)

