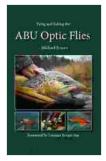
## Tying and Fishing the Abu Optic Flies: A Comprehensive Guide

The Abu Optic flies are a series of classic fly patterns that have been catching fish for over a century. These flies were originally developed by Swedish angler and lure maker Abu Garcia in the early 1900s, and they have since become popular all over the world. The Abu Optic flies are known for their simple yet effective design, which makes them easy to tie and fish. They are also very versatile, and can be used to catch a wide variety of fish species, including trout, bass, and panfish.

#### Tying the Abu Optic Flies

The Abu Optic flies are relatively easy to tie, even for beginners. The following are step-by-step instructions for tying the most popular Abu Optic fly patterns:



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- Start with a hook: The size of the hook will depend on the size of the fish you are targeting. For most general-purpose applications, a size 10 or 12 hook is a good choice.
- 2. **Tie on the thread:** Start by tying the thread onto the hook shank, just behind the eye. Wrap the thread around the hook shank several times to secure it.
- 3. **Tie on the body:** The body of the Abu Optic fly is typically made of tinsel or floss. Cut a piece of tinsel or floss to the desired length, and tie it onto the hook shank. Wrap the tinsel or floss around the hook shank until the body is the desired thickness.
- 4. **Tie on the wings:** The wings of the Abu Optic fly are typically made of feathers or hair. Cut two equal-sized pieces of feathers or hair, and tie them onto the hook shank. The wings should be positioned at a 45-degree angle to the body.
- 5. **Tie off the fly:** Wrap the thread around the hook shank several times to secure the wings. Then, cut the thread and tie off the fly.

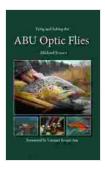
#### Fishing the Abu Optic Flies

The Abu Optic flies are very versatile, and can be fished in a variety of ways. They can be fished on a dry fly, nymph, or streamer. The best way to fish the Abu Optic flies will depend on the conditions and the fish you are targeting.

When fishing the Abu Optic flies on a dry fly, cast the fly upstream and allow it to drift naturally with the current. If you see a fish rise to the fly, set the hook and reel in the fish.

When fishing the Abu Optic flies on a nymph, cast the fly upstream and allow it to sink to the bottom. Then, slowly retrieve the fly back to you, keeping it close to the bottom. If you feel a fish bite the fly, set the hook and reel in the fish.

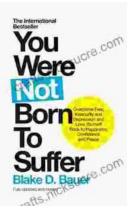
When fishing the Abu Optic flies on a streamer, cast the fly upstream and allow it to sink to the bottom. Then, slowly retrieve the fly back to you, using a stripping motion. If you see a fish following the fly, speed up the retrieve and set the hook.



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