



Meet Pat Cohen

Featured Fly Tyer

My name is **Pat Cohen**. I live in up-state New York where there is an abundance of warm water streams, lakes, and farm ponds to fish; although most anything with gills is fair game. I was always a terrible fisherman with spin and casting gear, but I began fly fishing in 2008 and since then I have caught more fish than I can count. I have been tying flies since January of 2009. Fly fishing and tying have become an essential part of my life. Since 2012 I have been a full time commercial fly tyer and designer. I have created materials, dubbing and tools for fly tyers. One of the most well known being the Fugly Packer, which is a packing tool for the making of bass bugs.

I specialize in warm water predatory flies, although I am best known for my deer hair bass bugs. The artistic freedom that fly tying offers is what drew me to it. All of my flies are meant to be fished with the exception of the display offerings. I enjoy the blending of natural with synthetic materials to create flies that maximize the triggers that make predators eat. I have blended my knowledge and passion for art with my knowledge and passion for fly tying to create a very unique approach to fly making. I have been accused of being a lure maker from time to time...but honestly I find no offense in that at all, as all flies are lures.

My passion for all things fly began with both Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass. I am to this day still passionate about these wonderful fish. I have designed numerous flies around the pursuit of them. I have an obsession with the custom tackle industry and figuring out ways to bring that technology into bass flies. One of my latest creations for doing just that is the Cohen's Creature Ultra Suede series. It was a perfect way for me to bring the movement and success of soft plastics into fly tying.

I have a deeply ingrained passion for chasing golden bones; carp on the fly is a challenge that more and more fly anglers are only beginning to appreciate. Carp are by far one of the most difficult fresh water species to hook with a fly, and I've created a wide variety of nymph patterns to target these misunderstood and often maligned game fish. I created a very unique dubbing called Cohen's Carp Dub to help create more convincing carp flies.