

**L**earning to tie your own flies will raise your fishing experience to an entirely new level. You'll understand more about the natural world as you begin to recognize the bugs in a fish's diet and how to imitate them. You'll be able to adapt your flies to match local variations. Your fishing season won't end in the fall – it will extend through the winter as you tie flies for next year. You'll never despair if today's hot fly is out of stock at the local fly shop. Finally, the best reason: catching a fish on a fly you've tied yourself will double your pleasure. So . . . why not give it a try?

### What's in it for you?

**C**oaching from an experienced instructor will help you quickly acquire good tying skills. Having someone looking over your shoulder guiding you in the most effective tying methods – that's something you can't get from a book or video. At the end of a series, you should have a set of flies that will catch fish at your favourite fishing spots. More important, you should have knowledge and skill that will last – something that you'll continue to enjoy for a lifetime.

**T**he classes in each series are designed to be taken in sequence. Each class builds on the skills learned in the preceding one so you can learn progressively in a coordinated, modular program. However, if you already have good tying skills and want to learn a single pattern or technique, you don't need to make a huge time commitment – the program can be tailored. Just choose the classes that suit your fishing style.

A - Basic	B - Intermediate	C - Advanced
Get started: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>learning essential tying techniques,</li> <li>choosing hooks and materials,</li> <li>understanding why flies catch fish, and</li> <li>knowing how to identify quality work.</li> </ul>	Move on to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hone your tying skills, handle more challenging materials, focus on proportion and aesthetics,</li> <li>develop the confidence to tie almost any fly.</li> </ul>	Go further into exploring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how to “push the envelope” in fly tying,</li> <li>patterns that bring out your own creativity,</li> <li>complex tying techniques, and</li> <li>tying salmon and saltwater flies.</li> </ul>
<b>A1 Intro to Fly Tying</b> Just-a-Bug Classic Wooly Bugger	<b>B1 Maximum Chenille</b> Montana Stonefly Bitch Creek Magic Dragon	<b>C1 Super Bugs</b> Perla Stonefly Hexagenia Nymph
<b>A2 Palmered Flies</b> Soldier Palmer Green Sparkle Bugger	<b>B2 Classic Wet Flies</b> Leadwing Coachman March Brown Wet Fly	<b>C2 Mastering Dubbing Loops</b> Casual Dress Strawman Nymph
<b>A3 Basic Nymphs</b> Gold-rib Hare's Ear Zug Bug	<b>B3 Featherwings &amp; Bucktails</b> Fire Tiger Little Brook Trout	<b>C3 Hair-wing Salmon Flies</b> Skunk Fly Blue Charm
<b>A4 Basic Streamers</b> Hamill's Killer Muddler Minnow	<b>B4 Emergers</b> Warren's Emerger Sparkle Dun	<b>C4 Spun Deer Hair - Advanced</b> Rabbit Strip Diver Green Machine
<b>A5 Intro to Dry Flies</b> Elk Hair Caddis The Usual	<b>B5 Classic Dry Flies</b> The Adams Extended Body Parachute	<b>C5 Epoxy Flies</b> Thunder Creek series Surf Candy

Classes are 2½ hours long. Series classes run every two weeks. Scheduling is based on demand.  
 Registration: \$200.00 for a series of 5 classes.  
**No loss trial:** Take 1<sup>st</sup> class for \$50.00. If you decide to take the rest of the series, you pay only \$150.00 balance.  
 Fly tying materials are included. You'll get great coaching, and an illustrated, step by step handbook to keep.  
 Maximum class size: six people. If fewer than three register for a class, we reserve the right to defer the class or offer the option to join another class.

#### Basic fly tying classes

Fly tying tools are available for your use; please arrange with store staff.

#### Intermediate and Advanced fly tying classes:

Participants must be able to tie basic fly patterns and be practised in basic fly tying techniques – if you haven't completed the Basic course, contact the instructor. Bring your own tools and thread. If a class requires special tools, the instructor will let you know before the class.

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Yes! I want to tie flies. Sign me up for the classes circled in the table.

Enclosed is my payment\* of \_\_\_\_\_

	A Series	B Series	C Series
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 Street Address  
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 City / Town, Province, Postal Code

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 First Name  
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\*Space is limited. A minimum deposit of \$25.00 is recommended. The balance of the course fee is due on the first day of class.

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## Your fly-tying instructor

William Gerrard has been tying flies for about twenty five years. He has taught people of all ages how to master the art of fly tying. *"I got into fly fishing through the back door, after learning how to tie flies. I used to tie flies before I owned a fly rod. Today still, tying flies is as much fun and as rewarding as being on the water."*

William regularly enjoys fishing for warm water and cold water species in Ontario and Quebec, but has also fished further afield, including New Brunswick, Scotland, Ireland, England, and the US (Connecticut and Florida).

Since 2002 he's been the Director of the annual Winter Hatches Fly Tying Symposium. In 1999, William was manager of the Fly Fishing Canada Youth Team at the International Fly Fishing Tournament in Ireland.

**If you have any questions, contact William at 416-763-1941 or by E-mail at [jwig@rogers.com](mailto:jwig@rogers.com)**

### A few words about Winter Hatches Fly Fishing Club

Winter Hatches is a club for people who enjoy fly-fishing. Run entirely by volunteers, the Club meets indoors through the fall/winter, and organizes outings during spring/summer. Meetings are at Celebration Presbyterian Church, 500 Coldstream Avenue, North York (Bathurst and Lawrence) twice a month on Thursdays starting at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. For more details, go to the Club website at [www.winterhatches.org](http://www.winterhatches.org)



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