

GAIC Fly Dressing

General

1. Candidates are advised to read and ensure they understand the requirements of this assessment. Please ensure that you are properly prepared for the tests before taking them by seeking clarification regarding any doubts or obscurities. You are advised to seek the help and advice of an accredited mentor. (Details supplied by the Administrator Jim Gill on application. Email: flystitch5@btinternet.com). The practical and oral examination will be carried out in accordance with the following schedule.
2. The tests require excellent performance of tying techniques and teaching ability.
3. The candidate will be required to show a clear understanding of proportion and technical competence to a high standard.
4. It is expected that candidates will be aware of tying techniques, materials and patterns for sea, coarse and predatory species.
5. An observer will be permitted to attend the test by agreement of the candidate for the purpose of assessor training, but will take no part in the proceedings.
6. Variations in tying style are acceptable providing that they satisfy the required criteria and provide a sound basis for teaching.
7. Candidate must be a member of GAIA.
8. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide their own materials and ensure they have both the tools and aids/handouts to complete each task. It is important to use only legal materials.
9. Lesson plans and flies for prior submission must be received by Louis Noble, Assessor and Assessments Officer, at least 14 days before the assessment date. Any delay in submissions will only be accepted by prior agreement.
10. Candidates will be required to submit two identical examples of the pattern illustrating each stage of the life cycle relevant to fly fishing, as detailed below. You may be required to tie each or any of the patterns at the assessment. **If your samples are not of the standard expected you will not be permitted to sit the assessment.**

Ephemeroptera - Dry (dun), Emerger, Spent spinner, and Nymph.

Trichoptera - Larva, Emerger/Pupa and Adult.

Plecoptera - Nymph and Adult.

Diptera - Pupa, Emerger and Adult.

Patterns supplied will be the candidates own choice and may be constructed with any materials deemed suitable. Hook size and type should be relative to the particular stage of insect.

Assessor comments on pre-submitted flies

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| | Ephemeroptera - Dry (dun) Emerger Spent spinner Nymph | | |
| | Trichoptera – Larva Emerger/Pupa Adult | | |
| | Plecoptera – Nymph Adult | | |
| | Diptera- Pupa Emerger Adult | | |

| Task | | Pass | Fail |
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| Task 1 | Generalities Of Fly Tying (3-4 minutes each) | Pass | Fail |
| a. | Hooks: Discuss types, shapes, weights, purpose and parts of hooks. | | |
| Assessors Comments | | | |
| b. | Tubes: Discuss types, shapes, weights and purpose of the tubes. | | |
| Assessors Comments | | | |
| c. | Threads: Discuss types and purpose for different threads available including flosses, silks and other yarns. | | |
| Assessors Comments | | | |
| d. | Vices: Discuss types and uses of fly vices. | | |
| Assessors Comments | | | |

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| e. | Tools: Discuss the range of tools required by a fly tying beginner and any recent tool developments. | | |
| Assessors Comments | | | |
| f. | Waxes: Discuss the use and types of wax, adhesives and epoxy used in fly dressing. | | |
| Assessor Comments | | | |
| g. | Materials: Discuss the range of materials needed for a beginner fly tier | | |
| Assessors Comments | | | |

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| Task 2 | Fly Proportions (10-15 minutes) | | |
| a. | Discuss the proportions of both traditional and modern dry, wet, nymph, buzzers, salmon & sea trout (including tubes) and competition flies. | | |
| Assessors Comments | | | |

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| Task 3 | Presentation 1 (approx' 20 minutes) | | |
| | <p>Make a presentation of approx' 20 minutes to the Assessors, from a pre prepared lesson plan at intermediate level. No equipment to aid presentation will be supplied.</p> <p>You are required to explain, demonstrate and teach how to dress an INVICTA, size 10.</p> <p>This will include the following operations, discussing alternative methods where relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Touching turns Pinch and loop Ribbing techniques Dubbing techniques Tails and tailing Hackling techniques (including palmering and collar) Winging Whip finish (both hand and tool) <p><u>Standard dressing for clarification:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hook: size 10, down eye Tying thread: brown Tail: golden pheasant crest Body: yellow seal's fur, ribbed gold oval or twist Body hackle: palmered red cock Shoulder hackle: red cock plus a collar of blue jay Wings: hen pheasant tail or wing – rolled or paired slips. | | |
| Assessors Comments | | | |

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| Task 4 Assessors Comments | Presentation 2 (approx' 20 Minutes) A presentation of approx' 20 minutes to the Assessors, from a pre prepared lesson plan at intermediate level. You are required to explain, demonstrate and teach how to dress a CASCADE salmon fly, size 8 double. This will include the following operations, discussing alternative methods where relevant: Use and application of body materials (other than dubbing) Tags Use and tying in of hair Use and tying in of synthetics Hackling (doubling) Locking turns Split bodies (tinsel and floss) Ribbing <u>Standard dressing for clarification</u> www.letsflyfish.com/cascade_s Hook: size 8, double Tail: hot orange & yellow bucktail, with pearl Krystal Flash Body: ½ silver tinsel, ½ black floss – medium oval tinsel rib Wing: silver Krystal Flash & black squirrel Collar hackles: yellow and hot orange Head: black thread or varnish | | |

| Task 5 | Presentation 3 (approx' 20 Minutes) | | |
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| | <p>A presentation of approx' 20 minutes from a pre prepared lesson plan at intermediate level.</p> <p>You are required to explain, demonstrate and teach how to dress a Deer hair surface lure for sea trout, of your choice.</p> <p>This will include the following operations, discussing alternative methods where relevant:</p> <p>Use and application of deer hair</p> <p>Construction & attachment of a flying treble mount.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you may bring a completed fly for illustration but still be expected to show mount and body construction. | | |
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| Task 6 | Presentation 4 (20 Minutes) | | |
| | <p>During a 20 minute period you will be asked by your assessor to explain, demonstrate and teach a minimum of 5 of the following techniques or subjects related to fly dressing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. False hackles and beards 2. Butts 3. Herl bodies 4. Feather fibred bodies (Biots) 5. Quill bodies 6. Wet fly wings (Slips) 7. CDC Dry fly winging techniques 8. Beads 9. Weighting of flies 10. Shell backs 11. Hackling 12. Your understanding of CITES (endangered species) 13. Use of wire and tinsels 14. Use of Fritz 15. Booby eyes 16. Marabou winging techniques 17. Floss bodies 18. Dubbing techniques 19. Storage of materials 20. Preparation of materials 21. Describe the parts of a feather | | |
| Assessors Comments | | | |

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| Task 7 | Entomology | | |
| | <p>Explain the major groups of flies relevant to angling including their life cycles.</p> <p>Ephemeroptera - Upwings Trichoptera - Caddis Plecoptera - Stone flies Diptera - Midges Hemiptera - Water bugs, Corixa Odonata - Dragon Flies, Damselflies, etc. Terrestrials - Crane flies, etc.</p> | | |
| Assessors Comments | | | |

Recommended Study Material

Books

Fly-tying for beginners – Peter Gathercole
The Fly-tiers Bible – Peter Gathercole
The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference – Ted Leeson & Jim Schollmeyer
Beginners guide to fly tying – Mann & Griffiths
Fly Tying Methods – Darrel Martin
Further Guide to Fly Dressing – John Veniard
Tying flies with CDC – Leon Links
Flytyer's Masterclass – Oliver Edwards
Imitative Fly tying – Ian Moutter
Tying Flies the Paraloop way – Ian Moutter
Chauncy Liveley's Flybox – Chauncy Lively
Salmon Flies – Paul Jorgenson
The Art of the Atlantic Salmon Fly – J.D Bates
How To Dress Salmon Flies – T.E.Pryce-Tannatt

Reference Books

Shrimp & Spey Flies – Mann & Gillespie
Hairwing & Tube flies – Chris Mann
Featherwing & Hackle flies for Salmon – Chris Mann
Trout Fly Recognition – John Goddard
Waterside Guide – John Goddard
A Guide to River Trout Flies – John Roberts
New Illustrated Dictionary of Trout Flies – John Roberts
A Dictionary of Trout Flies – A. Courtney Williams
Fishing Flies – Greenhalgh & Smalley
An Anglers Entomology – J.R.Harris
The Fly Tyers Companion – Mike Dawes
Czech Nymphs – Karel Krivanec
Clyde Style Flies – John Reid

DVDs

Flies on Hooks – Michael Frodin

Other useful sources for information

Internet, particularly **Youtube**
GAIA Entomology Guide