

NEWSLETTER

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The Special Brand Of Hooks

Winter is coming..... It's the time of year when many fisherman are starting to think about their fall and winter fishing plans. Am I going to swing for Steelhead in the fall and winter, or am I going to fish tropical waters for Dorado or Tarpon? Both of these special trips require exotic flies made with an exotic hook. Knowing this we have brought a couple of new hook companies into the game. Alec Jackson for the classic Steelheaders and Owner Hooks for a versatile all-around predatory series. We will look at a few hooks



from each

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Alec Jackson

Alec Jackson is a famed hook designer for his classic steelhead series. These hooks are built for swinging flies, all with long curved-shanks and up-eyes for the smoothest movement through the currents. There are only a couple of different hooks, yet each hook has

its own use and color selection. Fishing with these hooks is not just a means of classical fishing, but a way to test yourself with one of the hardest fish to catch. Tricking a big steelhead while swinging a small fly is one of the most thrilling experiences an angler can have.

These spey hooks are also used as the base for making some of the most beautiful pieces of artwork in the world of fly tying.



The Spey Hook

The Alec Jackson Spey Hook is the classic of classics in the spey world. It ranges from a size 7 all the way up to a 3/0 in size, and comes in five colors. The bronze 2050, black 2051, nickel 2052, gold 2055, and the blue 2059 are most commonly used for patterns like the Green Butt Skunk, Purple Peril, and Lady Caroline. If your going to fish a classic why not have the classic



Poppy Spey
By Dave Tucker

Fishing in winter conditions can change with the blink of an eye. A sudden rain storm can increase flows and decrease visibility. This calls for a heavier and larger hook for a bigger profile and more pulling power in the fast water. Alec Jackson's answer to this is their heavy wire version. Though only in size 3 and 1.5, it makes a great winter steelhead and large salmon hook. This hook is also a great hook on the coast where winter steelhead have a larger average size than there fall

The Steelhead Iron

The Steelhead Iron is an alternative to the classic spey hook. This is a shorter-shanked hook that has a heavier gauge wire. Ranging from a size 9-3 and in 3 colors, what this hook offers is the options of going even smaller without losing hook strength. Though these do not go as big as the spey hook, they do make a fantastic fall steelhead hook, especially for a more classic wet fly pattern. You can tie all of our





Owner is a hook company that we brought into the mix for its predatory styles. Although they have hooks that go as small as 14, most of their hooks are made for conventional fishing. We have applications where they work perfectly from swinging large steelhead flies with a trailing

hook to chasing tuna and tarpon. Owner has built a reputation for super-sharp hooks that hold up to the trophy fish we are hunting.



The SSW Series

The SSW hooks are all off-set hooks with a range of styles. Mostly used for corky fishing salmon and lures, they make great hooks for

the steelhead and salmon world. When tying large intruders, prawns, and such, these flies become too large for regular hooks. They always end up on a shank or tube, and that's where these hooks come into play. These short shank hooks give us an advantage buy trailing a hook at the back of the fly that is very short, yet very strong.

We currently carry three different styles; the Mosquito, SSW cutting point, and the SSW Straight-eye. All three can be used as a trailer hook, but the Mosquito and Straight-eye make the best tube fly hooks. The Mosquito can also be used as a normal tying hook due to its size range dropping as low as a 14.

The AKI

This is the predator hook you have been looking for. The AKI is meant for big game fish like tuna, tarpon, dorado, pike/muskie, rooster fish, and more. This is an extremely stout hook with a cutting point which is a flattened point that's as sharp as a razor, giving better penetration than a regular point. This is the hook in the picture above with the Black Tip Mullet. Ranging from 1/0 to 8/0 it is only for big fish. The advantage of this hook being shorter-shanked is that you can tie on it or use it for tubes.



Thomas Lamphere with an Albacore Tuna caught on Anil Srivastava's Shock and Awe. Hook - AKI 4/0

Warning: The cutting point hooks are extremely sharp and can cut you when using them. This is a development from Owner that has become very popular with many of their hooks. These hooks are not only extremely sharp but stay sharp longer then normal hooks.

With both hooks being so specialized in what they offer, we could not help but expand into our selection with what they offer. Every hook has their own purpose and style that differs from other hook brands. To see all of the hooks check them out on our website, go to each page and see what hook your missing in your selection at home.