

NEWSLETTER

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What's New With Nature's Spirit?

Hey everyone, if you were one of the hundreds that watched, you know the scoop... We are now hosting a live video tying session on Instagram called "*Live On The Fly*". You can watch it live, and it will be up for a full 24hrs on our Instagram page. In this live fly tying session we will hot spot materials, tips and tricks. This gives you the opportunity to

ask questions about the material we are tying with. The shy ones who are uncomfortable asking live can send us a question or make comments on our Instagram or Facebook pages.

We will be holding these sessions every 2nd and 4th Wednesday night at 6pm pacific time. The next one will be on January 23th. On the Monday before the live presentation We will post the flies and the materials that we will be presenting for those flies. Our future plan is to post these videos on our web site so they will be available for a longer period of time.

Instagram Fly Of The Week!!!!

Thank you

@sgt.bassfisher for tagging

@NaturesSpiritFlyTying

Pattern: Hummingbird Family



Sybai

Okay, boys and girls, its time to get serious with your material choices. **Sybai** is a company out of the Czech Republic with a serious selection of materials to pick from. Although **Sybai** has a large selection of various materials such as synthetic fibers, natural fibers, and one of the best realistic 3D eye selections a streamer chucker could ask for, we are going to focus on only two that we believe you need. Now lets get this started with the one material everyone uses— **dubbing**.

Twisted Dubbing



Alpaca Blend Dubbing

The one product that fly tying is not in short supply of is a dubbing. There are a hundred if not a few thousand different kinds of dubbing out there, each with its own unique features. Even **Sybai** has several different kinds from all natural to pure synthetic, and everything in between. We have chosen our top two to spot light here. These are the two dubbings that we used in our first **Live On The Fly** tying session last Thursday— Flash Nymph Dubbing and Alpaca Blend Dubbing.

In the **Live On The Fly** tying session we tied the same fly out of both dubbings. The reason behind this is to show how different each dubbing looks on the same pattern. The Flash Nymph Dubbing is a shorter fiber dubbing that is a nymph tier's dream. It is a mix of short natural, short synthetic, and short flash fibers. This makes it a great dubbing for real prickly-looking flies like **hare's ear nymph, caddis pupa, scuds, or stoneflies**. And if it's to prickly after wrapping it onto the fly, you can always trim it down a little bit, or do a partial trim on the top and bottom of a **damsel or dragon fly nymph**, giving the appearance of gills. If you really want to get some prickly use out of this dubbing, twist it up in a dubbing loop. Your caddis and scuds will never look buggier. Another benefit to the Flash Nymph dubbing is the amount of flash in it, there's not too much or too little—it's just right.—



enough to add a little glimmer of light when the sun hits your bug.

Now, the **Alpaca Blend Dubbing** is a different story. **Sybai** has two different **Alpaca** dubbings—the **regular Alpaca dub** is 100% Alpaca hair. The **blend** is **Alpaca** mixed with a bit of flash. This is a longer-fibered soft dubbing, giving a smooth body base when used on your fly, essential for the best **mayfly** imitations. With the smooth finish, you can go sparser as well, giving the ability for a slim profile dry fly. And on top of that, with the choice of flash or no flash, it opens up more opportunities. If you are fishing a **March Brown** with the **Alpaca Blend** and the fish are shying away, switch it over to one tied with **straight Alpaca** or vice versa—the slightest of changes for the pickiest of trout.

Some things Sheepish

Sybai's top material that we have has to be their **Icelandic Sheep**. This is the go-to sheep for any trophy chaser—a very popular material for streamer tiers targeting large trout, bass, and pike or muskie. **Sybai's Icelandic Sheep** is also a favorite among the saltwater fisherman. The hair is very long and creates volume with small amounts of hair making this very popular for tube flies and large flies in general. Another bonus to Icelandic Sheep is the movement, which is unmatched with any synthetic. Now where **Sybai** wins with their sheep is the quality. It has the longest hair on average out of any supplier, with minimal underfur and maximum usable long fibers.



Another reason you should pick **Sybai** for your sheep is their color range. With 20 colors to pick from your pretty well covered. Their natural colors are right on where they should be, but the fluorescent colors are where you should give your attention. They are so bright, deep, and vibrant, not only will you go crazy for them, but the fish will too. Nothing better than colors that scream, **BITE ME!!**



Sybai has two different types of **Icelandic Sheep**, the standard patch which is one of the fullest packages out there, then there's the **Flash Sheep**. The **Flash Sheep** is a package of hair that is cut from the hide and mixed with a very thin **angle hair flash**. This will simplify things if you love flash in your fly—pre-mixed flash & hair. Why not? Look at the **flash sheep** as your economical choice if you do not tie with a lot of

sheep or if your going on a one-time trip. It comes in a 2x8 bag packed full of hair that's loosely zip-tied in the middle. You're still getting the same fantastic long hair you would in the regular package, but in a smaller amount with flash mixed in, making this the economical choice of the two. With that being said, both products are worth having in your materials line up, but options are always nice.

Put A New Twist On It

The next two products put a **twist** on a few different tying projects. Both of these products were featured in our **Live on the Fly** video. **Pearl Braidback** is a braided pearl flash that comes in 2.5 mm and 4.5 mm wide. Made as a flashy shellback material for nymphs, it gives a nice, shiny top to any **scud**, **stone**, or **mayfly nymph**. Talk about simplifying your flashback pheasant tails. But that's not the only thing it is good for. This material also doubles as a **flatbraid** for bodies. Since it is a braided flash, it's rather strong and will take a lot of abuse. Along with a great selection of natural colors, it comes with a solid selection of **shrimp tones** for **scuds and shrimp patterns**.



The second product is **New Twist Hair**... Get it? Put a "New Twist" on it? aside from providing us with a little humor, this is actually my personal favorite product from **Sybai**. **New Twist Hair** is a soft, crimped synthetic that makes amazing baitfish. You can fill an entire fly box of baitfish with just this **New Twist Hair** with its great color range. It keeps shape very well and has the movement of craft fur, but with an added translucency. **New Twist Hair** is a fairly flashy product—not an actual flash but reflects light adding extra brightness. It is very easy to work with and can easily replace bucktail, slinky fiber, or other stiff material for baitfish patterns. But the uses don't stop there. The **individual strands** themselves can be used in other ways. How about a **body wrap** for a **midge** or **small nymph**, or even a **shell back** on a **pheasant tail** or caddis—something that is not flashy but adds that extra element you want in your box. I would give it a shot if I were you.



Eye's On The Prize

This here has to be one of the coolest things to come from **Sybai**—their **3D eye selection**. We're talking 11 different styles of eye-popping eyes that you want to for your flies eyes. (Say that ten times fast.) The detail is very well done and the size range is amazing. There are 5 holographic with three that are out of this world. They have a color ring over the silver holographic around the pupil—four very bright fluorescent colors for the crazy colored flies and 2 metallic colors with a black ring through the middle of the color, making the eye look as if it's bulging out of the fly.



Metallic



Fluorescent

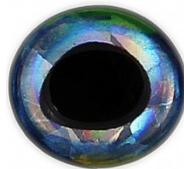


Holographic

If you want to be realistic with your bug, you need to take a look at the **Ultra 3D Eye's**. The **Ultra 3D Eye's** are about as real as you can get for a fish eye. They are very detailed with the D/Oval shaped pupil, and come with a minimum of three layers on each eye. The other amazing part is the selection—10 different models to pick from. This is like having your cake and eating it too—your favorite cake, and 10 of them. These eyes truly make any **streamer** or **baitfish** pop. Here we are showing you a couple of these eyes so you can get the idea. Every single model glares at you in need of being put on your streamer.



Black & Gold



Magic



Copper

In total, if you put the **3D** and **Ultra 3D** eyes together you get **21** different colors or styles to pick from. Then there's the size range, the **3D** eyes come in 8 sizes from 2.6mm up to 8mm, and the **Ultra 3D** come in 6 sizes from 5mm to 10mm. So whether your fly is big or small, you will find one of these eyes to fit your trophy-hunting fly.



Sybai is one company we are looking at adding more products with, their quality is spectacular and color selections are out of this world. This is one company that you need to watch for more products to come. To see everything that we carry from Sybai, check out our website under Sybai products.