



Simple things somehow often seem to always work and this has also been the case for one of my absolute favorite salmon flies, the Raven NJ. It is a rather new pattern that I made for fishing on the bigger rivers here in Iceland where I live. It was made with the classic river Laxá í Adaldal in mind since the water is rather slow but also has small parts with faster water. This fly was designed to be able to balance it according to the current by adjusting the body weight back and forth on the fly.

The fly is built up around a Pro Tube System FlexiTube 10/40mm and one or two body weights in 4mm. This Pro Tube System really gives the creative fly tier endless opportunities. The weight is added behind the wing instead of a cone head which I think gives a great balance. By adding a very thin layer of glue on the tube, the drop weight will run tight on the tube under the wing and you now have a fly where the weight can be adjusted to most fishing circumstances. The genius hook holder part of the FlexiTube will prevent the weights to fall off just in case but also give a solid grip on the hook.

The rest of the fly is simple. A two sectioned wing of Polar fox. Sometimes the upper wing is replaced with Raccoon to make the fly extra alive. Between the wings is a hackle. A little flash is added and Jungle Cock if on a good day. All the times I have done my Raven NJ, I have used a Sonic Disc in 6 or 8 mm, depending on the size of the fly. This gives a nice move into the wing and the strong red or sometimes green color of the disc gives a nice contrast. It reminds a bit of a reversed Red- or Green butt.

The fly fishes great on classic down stream fishing, it's really alive even in calm water. The weight balance can as mentioned be adjusted and I recommend trying the Raven with all the weight in front for

upstream fishing with fast stripping. I have had many salmon on the small rivers on this technic. Because of the great balance in this fly, it dives automatically with the head down after each strip and for some reason, this, this really makes them salmon angry and the hammer the dancing Raven NJ.

See step by step tying instructions on the next page >>>



STEP BY STEP TYING

MATERIALS FOR THE RAVEN NJ:

Wing: Artic Fox & Raccoon

Flash: Red and Black

Tube: 10/40 mm Pro Tube FlexiTube

Head: 6 mm ProTube Sonic Disc



1. Start by adding a thin layer of glue on the 10/40 FlexiTube. Let it dry and add on the drop weights.



2. Put on the first wing, here black Arctic Fox.



3. Add a black hackle. Marabou if you want it extra lively.



4. Add the upper wing. Arctic Fox or for more life, Raccoon. Add one red flash on each side. 6 black flash on the top of the wing.



5. Then Jungle Cock of desired. Then wrap it up, add a 8 mm Sonic Disc. Cut the tube and burn the end.

You now have a simple but deadly salmon fly that will work all over the world.



Try also try the fly with a green flash and Sonic Disc.

Good hunting.

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