

## Fly of the Month: Beer Can Spoon Fly by Ted Hagaman

### Materials:

Hook: Gamakatsu SP11-3L3H size 1 or 2

Thread: Red 6/0 Uni-thread

Beer Can of your choice: Miller Genuine Draft, Coors Light  
(Remove beer before cutting pattern)

Five Minute Epoxy

.035 lead wire for weight

Red sparkle braid

Crystal flash for the tail

Instructions: Cut the top off the beer can. Cut the remaining can into workable pieces (rectangles) of the right color. Take advantage of the curve of the can to curve your pieces. On your rectangle draw the shape of your spoon (oval) and cut with scissors leaving a small tab at each end as a tie in point. Punch three holes in a row down the center axis. Wrap the hook with 10-15 wraps of the lead wire in the center of the hook. Start your thread and cover the shank down to the bend. Tie in the red sparkle braid at the bottom and bring your thread to the eye. Wrap the braid forward and tie off. Bring the thread to the back again and tie in your spoon on the outside of the shank at the bend and bring thread forward. Mix a little epoxy and coat the hood shank and underside of the spoon. Press spoon down and tie in at the front tab. Coat the spoon with epoxy being careful to get an even coat. Turn the fly and add epoxy to the bottom and fill any gaps between shank and spoon. After epoxy hardens add a weed guard and flash tail if desired. Spoon fishes well with or without a tail, but the tail gives it a bigger profile and more flash.

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