

Blue Charm – An Atlantic Salmon Wet Fly



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been replaced by grey squirrel tail, sometimes with a Krystal Flash underwing. Newfoundlanders like to substitute moose hair for the wing, or, recently, a white calf-tail wing. Other variations include hackle substitution of iridescent blue peacock neck feather or a lighter blue colour such as Silver Doctor blue.

Blue Charm

Thread: Black 8/0 UniThread
Hook: Wet salmon hook, barbless,
in sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, or 12
Tag: Fine oval silver tinsel behind yellow floss
Tail: Golden pheasant crest
Body: Black floss
Rib: Oval silver tinsel
Throat: Deep blue hen hackle
Underwing: 4 strands purple Krystal Flash
Wing: Grey squirrel tail
Head: Black thread with 2 coats of glossy finish
such as Angler's Corner Wet Head Cement.

The Blue Charm began over a century ago as a simple British feather-wing pattern; often tied as a small "low-water" fly. Since then it has become a popular and effective fly pattern everywhere Atlantic salmon are fished.

Variations include adding elements of the original, such as an ostrich herl butt or Golden pheasant topping. The original mallard or turkey and teal feather wing has

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I had a charm
My charm was blue
Great charm it was
Fish thought so too

It charmed a lady
And we were wed
A great beginning
New life we led

The Garden Pool
We loved so much
That Garden Path
The perfect touch

Our charm is blue
Her eyes are too
Forever charmed
In all we do

We still go fishing
And this is true
We charm our fish
Our charm is blue