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## HMH Vises Newsletter

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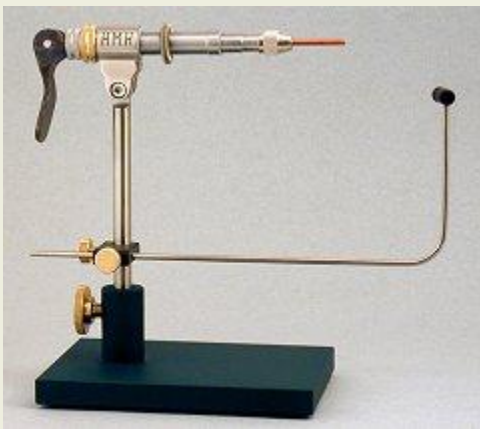
### Greetings!

Welcome to the Sept/Oct edition of our HMH Newsletter. We look forward to sharing many different fly tying topics with you and hope you will find the newsletter both entertaining and informative.

## Featured Product

### HMH Premium Tube Vise

(shown here with optional polished chasis)



## New Product!

### HMH Hybrid Tubes



## Introducing HMH Hybrid Tubing

The first HMH in-line rotary all-steel tube vise also happens to be the most versatile, and will make you re-think what it means to hold a tube. The new tube jaws will hold tubes rock-solid, with or without junction tubing installed, and with or without steel mandrels. Ultra smooth in-line rotary action and sleek profile for easy tying of tiny micro-tube streamers or huge saltwater patterns.

When you're finished with tying tube flies, just remove the tube Converter Tool, and slip in an optional HMH jaw for conventional tying on hooks, and you've got the best rotary vise money can buy.

### Features:

- Infinite Head Angle Adjustment
- Steel, Sure-Grip Tube Jaws Premium Tube Mandrels
- Quick Change Jaw Feature (HMH vise jaws not included)
- Ultra-smooth 360° Rotary Action Exclusive Disc Drag Rotary Tension Adjustment
- Easy-Grip Locking Cam Lever Double Spring Material Clip
- Powder Coated Pedestal Base or C-Clamp
- Lifetime Guarantee

MSRP \$189

Or, if you already own an HMH Standard or Spartan Vise you can convert it to a tube vise by changing out the existing jaw and replacing it with the HMH Converter Tool.

HMH is pleased to announce their new HMH Hybrid Tubes - tubing designed specifically for tube flies.

HMH Hybrid tubes are offered in two sizes, medium (.070 I.D x .100 O.D) and large (.085 I.D. x .125 O.D) and five colors - fl. chartreuse, fl. orange, fl. pink, black and clear.

These tubes are rugged enough to tie on directly. Or, both the Large and Medium HMH Hybrid Tubing will nest perfectly with our HMH Micro Tubing (both HMH Standard Micro Tubing and HMH Thick Walled) to create flies with standard drilled cone and bead heads or flies with smaller heads and tapered bodies.

The two sizes of the New Hybrid Tubing will accommodate a very wide range of hook-eye sizes. There is no need for junction tubing when using the HMH Hybrid Tubes. If using hooks with large to extra large hook-eyes, order the large Hybrid Tubing. For smaller hook-eyes order the medium Hybrid Tubing.

Unlike some other tube materials, the HMH Hybrid Tubing is made of a material that resists cracking or splitting at the hook eye.

Both the Hybrid and Micro Tubing are sold individually in three foot lengths. Ask for them at your favorite dealer or contact us for a list of dealers in your area.

HMH Hybrid Tubes - MSRP \$5.29

HMH Standard & Thick Walled Micro Tubing - MSRP \$3.79

See the HMH web site page "Tying Tips and Tricks" for more details and instructions on nesting HMH plastic Tubes.

[www.hmhvises.com/tipsandtricks.html](http://www.hmhvises.com/tipsandtricks.html)

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## Tying Tips and Tricks

### The HMH Bottle Tube Alternative

By Craig Uecker

Bottle tubes have been around for a while now and there



**MSRP \$64.95**

**Ask for them at your favorite fly shop or contact HMH for a list of HMH Dealers near you.**

are many different manufactures and styles of bottle tubes available to the tube fly tier. HMH has never offered a bottle tube - or have we?

First let's take a look at bottle tubes in general. Bottle tubes are nothing more than a weighted tube on which you tie your fly of choice on. Many are tapered on the front to allow for smaller heads. This front taper also flares winging material, giving the fly a very lifelike, full bodied appearance. Some bottle tubes even come in a variety colors. All come in different shapes and sizes. The bottom line is that bottle tubes allow you to tie a variety of fly sizes with a lot of heft to them.

## Hot Fly

### Ed Ward's Intruder



**Hook:** I tie this on a tube - usually 2.5" - 3" long and use a short-Shanked Partridge Nordic Single Spey #4

**Rear hackle:** Tie in a long, soft, black hackle and take 3 wraps

**Feelers:** Tie in 9 strands of dyed orange ostrich plume on each side of the fly. Tie in dyed orange ringneck pheasant tail and take 3 or 4 turns.

**Body:** Tie in a long skinny badger hackle and leave hanging. Tie in burnt orange chenille and wrap

At one time John and I talked about making our own bottle tubes. We weren't entirely sold on the idea and yet wanted to increase our line of tying tubes. For many years now we've offered straight brass, copper and aluminum tubes. We also offer micro tubing (liner tubing for hard tubes) and coneheads. As it turns out, you can use all of these components to create a great bottle tube that can be customized to your liking. Here's how...

You'll need 3/32" brass, aluminum or rigid tubing; standard drilled coneheads (brass or tungsten); hybrid tubing; thick-walled micro tubing.



In these instructions I'm using brass tubing. However, the same instructions apply to aluminum and rigid plastic tubes...

Insert the micro tubing into the brass tube and burn a nipple of plastic on the end of the micro tubing with a lighter and let cool. This will be the end that you place your hook holding tubing. You can do this in one of two ways: If using large Hybrid tubing, you'll slide the Hybrid tubing up and over the brass tube to secure (as shown in the completed HMH style bottle below with fl. chartreuse Hybrid tubing). If using the medium Hybrid tubing you'll want to slide the nipple end of the micro tubing inside of

forward to within 1/2" of the eye of the hook. Wind the badger hackle forward ending with 3 successive turns at the point at where the chenille ends. Spin a small clump of black deerhair (this flares the front hackle) trim butts flush with the shank. Tie in orange ringneck pheasant tail and take 3 or 4 turns.

**Shell:** Tie in 2 cree hackles on each side of the shank for "wings." Tie in dyed orange guinea hackle and take 4 or 5 turns.

**Head:** Tie in a small ball of black chenille. Tie in lead eyes. Whip finish. Cover head with Aquaseal thinned with Cotol.

**Tying note:** Ringneck pheasant tails are split down the stem with a single-edge razor, so they can be wrapped as a hackle. Soaking the tail for 10 minutes in warm water can aid in the splitting and wrapping process. Now I soak my tails in water with a dollop of hair conditioner in it overnight. Then I start at the top and strip the fibres from each side of the stem - it works great - the conditioner keeps the feather supple enough to wrap even after it is dry.

Thanks to Kush at SpeyPages for image and recipe. [www.speypages.com](http://www.speypages.com)

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## Quick Links

[How to best use your HMH Vise](#)

[HMH Tube Tool and Vise how to](#)

the Hybrid tubing about a 1/4" and butt the Hybrid tubing right up to the brass tubing (as shown in the Completed HMH style bottle tubes below with fl. pink Hybrid tubing). The butt joint that this creates matches the outside diameter of the brass tubing and allows the tier to make a fly body without a lump or ridge of hook holding tubing at the rear of the fly. If using hooks with very large hook eyes you'll need to use the first method of sliding the large Hybrid tubing up and onto the end of the brass tube.

Next slide the conehead onto the micro tubing on what will be the front of the fly. Trim the micro tubing approximately 3/8" above the tip of the conehead and burn a small nipple of plastic on the micro tubing to hold everything in place. Note the length of micro tubing extending beyond the tip of the conehead. This will be your tying platform for the winging material and collars of your fly. All, or most, bottle tubes have a tapered front to both allow for flies with small heads and to flare the winging material and keep it from folding down flat onto the body of the fly. The tapered conehead of the HMH style bottle tube does this perfectly. The brass tubing can be left as is or covered with a body material such as chenille, dubbing, edge bright, etc.

So there you have it, a very good alternative to the standard bottle tube. However, with our system you have a lot more flexibility. You can use tube lengths from 1/2"-3" for brass or aluminum tubing and any length you want if using the HMH rigid cut to length tubes. You also have a choice of coneheads. Use brass or tungsten in any color.



Not shown is the HMH bottle tube alternative with plastic rigid tubing (same instructions apply). Rigid plastic tubing would make the fly head-heavy giving it a great jigging action when retrieved...

Ask your local dealer for the HMH components to make these HMH style bottle tubes. Or, contact us directly. And

**Don't forget to frequent our new HMH Forum.**

You'll find a great fly tying discussion site here where you can share your thoughts and ideas, learn from other tyers and have a place to show off your latest creations. Becoming a member is free and painless. Check it out!

[www.hmhvises.com/board](http://www.hmhvises.com/board)

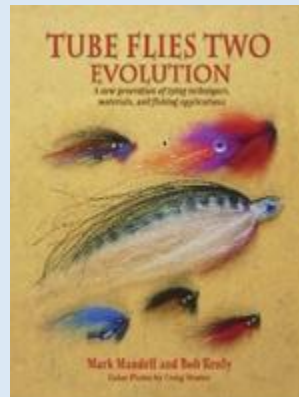
please let us know how these bottle tubes work for you...

Have Fun!

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## **Featured Book**

### **Tube Flies Two - Evolution**



### **A new generation of tying techniques, materials, and fishing applications.**

Authors: Mark Mandel and Bob Kenly

Since the release of his 1995 book, *Tube Flies*, with Les Johnson, changes in tube flies have been considerable-- what hasn't changed is their artistry, durability, and effectiveness. Thanks to talented tiers around the world, the advances in materials, technique, and esthetics have been remarkable. New products abound, and it is not an exaggeration to say the new fly designs and tying techniques that co-evolved with all these new products have expanded the horizon of fly tying. Tube flies have long been popular in Europe and Asia, you will be amazed at the advantages of using them on all fish species in all water types.

Tube Flies Two: Evolution includes 227 flies from 35 tiers in 14 countries, with each tier sharing tips and techniques for tying and fishing their flies.

Whether you are familiar with tube flies, or have no idea what they are, you will find this book indispensable. 8.5 x 11 Inches, 176 Pages, All Color, Index  
Published April 2007

Ask for it at your favorite fly shop or contact HMH for a list

of dealers.

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