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I started tying flies around the age of 16, roughly 3 years after my first memorable fishing trip. At the age of 14 my father and I had the pleasure of heading up to Canada to chase walleyes with a business partner and family friends, which eventually turned into the annual fishing trip. The first 2 years walleye were in abundance, but I seemed to be the odd man out who hadn't caught a Pike. Pike fascinated me, they were mean, aggressive and big, and I wanted nothing more than to have my chance at one. We would come back to the cabin after a long day of fishing and my father and his friend would tell us about these Pike crushing their frog streamers and rolling over lily pads trying to get a hold of their flies.....so long story short, I got it in my head that in order to catch my first Pike, I needed to learn to fly fish. It wasn't long after returning from Canada that I had my first 5 wt. combo and was catching rock bass on dry/dropper rigs. My father, knowing my intention of pursuing Pike later introduced me to Kelly Galloup's book Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout, I was convinced to say the least that this was my new passion in life. That winter I received my first tying vice, a Griffin A2 and a classic book on essential patterns for beginners.....I quickly tossed the book aside and used every means necessary to find the recipe for a Zoo Cougar to begin my pursuit of the Streamer Junkie Lifestyle.