Icelandic salmon flies

We like the flies sold by newish Icelandic webshop Fishingflies. It is hard to fault their quality. The shop's Icelandic, Russian and Norwegian patterns are appealingly different and have been effective on Scottish rivers. The site also offers classic patterns many tied in a more traditional, heavier-dressed style to modern variants sold in Scotland.

Fishingflies' Oddný Magnadóttir told us that the



most popular flies ordered for Scottish rivers include tungsten conehead Franceses, Green Highlanders, Willie Gunns, Green Butts, Sun Rays and tungsten conehead Templedog tubes.

Which Icelandic patterns does Oddný think might become more popular in the UK? "The Snaelda," he said. "It is fantastic everywhere one fishes for Atlantic salmon. My favourite Snaelda is Copper Red. We also have flies like Black Sheep and Silver Sheep that have caught fish in UK rivers."

The website is easy to navigate and many patterns are accompanied by useful descriptions. Payment is made by credit card in US dollars. Orders made in Europe take up to five days to process. Contact Oddný or colleague Hilmar prior to a trip to Iceland, Norway and Russia and these experienced fishers will offer advice and a bespoke fly selection.

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