

**Fly of the Month**

*By Mike Ott*

**CCC Midge - The Other Chocolate Covered Cherry**

This time of year, midges are a major food source for trout. Actually, if you fish any tail water trout fishery, midges are a major food source often making up a vast majority of the biomass. They come in a rainbow of colors and a wide range of sizes. This one comes to us from our own Al Bourisaw. It has been quite successful everywhere from Maramec Springs to the White River in Arkansas. As with most midge patterns, it is easy to tie even in small sizes and is quite durable.



Hook: Dai Riki 125 (or your favorite midge hook) Size 16 - 20  
Bead: 3/32 or 5/64 Copper Tungsten  
Thread: 6/0 Danville #47 Camel  
Under-Body: Medium Red Holographic Tinsel

- 1) Place bead on the hook and secure in your vise. Start thread behind the bead and trim the tag end.
- 2) Tie in a length of red holographic tinsel behind the bead and continue wrapping it down to just slightly around the hook bend. Return the thread to just behind the bead.
- 3) Wrap a smooth underbody of tinsel to the bead and tie off. Trim excess.
- 4) Untwist your thread so that it lays flat and wrap over tinsel toward the hook bend and back to the bead. You should still be able to see some of the red through the thread.
- 5) Whip finish behind the bead and trim thread.

Look for Al's YouTube video tying his CCC Midge pattern. I fish this fly in two ways. First, I will use it as a dropper under a Y2K and strike indicator rig. This is a great way to fish bigger water and deeper runs and holes. Second, I use it as my top fly with an un-weighted midge or emerger dropper. This is great for shallow water or when fish are actively midging at or near the surface. This pattern has been very productive for this past winter season.