

Fly of the Month

Olive Tungsten Torpedo

During the winter and early spring small flies out-produce larger flies, and getting deep and staying deep is critical to catching fish. It's all about offering a small, dense fly that consistently sinks fast through the water column and stays there. This fly fall under the euro-nymph category and is designed to do just that. In addition, it is simple to tie, durable, and produces fish under a range of conditions.



Hook: Dohiku N302 size 14-18 or equivalent

Bead: Gold Tungsten of appropriate size

Thread: 8/0 Olive

Tail: Several fibers of dark Coq de Leon

Ribbing: Small Black and Small Gold Ultra Wire

Collar: Bronze Peacock Dubbing

- 1) Place bead on hook and secure hook in vise.
- 2) Start thread behind the bead and advance to the hook bend.
- 3) Tie in tail about the length of the body securing the butts all the way to the bead.
- 4) Tie in one strand each of the black and gold wire right behind the bead and secure all the way to the bend. Add one more layer of thread back to the bead to form the body. It should be slim and even front to back.
- 5) Wrap the two wires together to just behind the bead. Secure with thread wraps and break off the excess.
- 6) Dub a compact collar of the Bronze Peacock right behind the bead, whip-finish the thread, and trim the thread. Pick out dubbing a bit, and it is ready to fish.

In winter, I fish this as the top fly with an unweighted nymph as a dropper. I try to get it as close to the bottom as possible because that's where the fish are. This fly is streamlined enough to sink fast, so it is great for sight-fishing as well.