

Fly of the Month

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Joe's Christmas Tree

Christmas tree you say, but this is the middle of July. Why talk about Christmas trees when it is hot? Shouldn't you wait until it gets cold to talk about this fly? You might, but you would be missing a hot fly and a great opportunity to catch blue gill – lots of blue gill. If you are going to a lake – any lake – and plan to catch blue gill this fly is a must have in your fly box.

- HOOK: Mustad "3366" Size 8
- THREAD: Uni-Thread "RED" 8/0
- EYES: Medium Bead Chain
- TAIL: Make a small brush from "red" Rooster saddle feathers
- BODY: Micro Ice chenille "black" or "peacock"
- COLLOR: Black or Grizzly, Indian Hen Hackle



1. Wrap thread over entire hook and down hook shank
2. Return thread behind hook eye and wrap a small notch. HELPS MAKE IT EASEY TO HOLD
3. BEAD CHAIN EYES TO BE TIED IN. MAKE SEVERAL FIGURES 8 WRAPS TO SECURE EYES. PLACE A COUPLE OF DROPS OF SUPER GLUE ON THREADS HOLDING EYES.
4. Return thread to bend of hook. Tie tail at bend of hook, tail length about length of hook gap.
5. In addition, tie in chenille at bend. Wrap chenille forward just behind eyes.
6. Take one Indian hen hackle, stripe on and tie in tip behind bead chain eyes. Wrap two or three turns of hackle behind eyes and tie off. Return thread behind hook eye and whip finish.
7. " I always cement the head."