

**Fly of the Month**

*By Mike Ott*

**Rubber-Leg Lightening Bug**

I found this little gem in a back issue of Midwest Flyfishing (December 2008). Fly tying contributor, Dennis Potter, has hit a home-run with this fly. It has everything – flash, a slim profile, lots of action, and peacock herl. The color can be varied by changing the thread color and leg color. I’ve never really been a fan of the lightening bug patterns because most were way too silver for me, but I really like this one. It really looks great wet – especially lodged in the corner of a rainbow’s jaw.



Hook: TMC2487 size #12-18  
Thread: 8/0 black  
Bead: Tungsten Bead to match hook size  
Tail & Legs: Micro size Round SiliLegs Tan  
Abdomen: UTC Opal Tinsel Medium  
Thorax: Peacock Herl  
Wing Case: UTC Opal Tinsel medium or large depending on size

- 1) Put bead on hook and secure in vise. Start behind bead and wrap back to about where the body will end and the thorax will begin.
- 2) Tie in rubber-leg material and wrap down all the way to the bend of the hook – right above the barb. Keep the body as slim as possible.
- 3) Tie in opal tinsel while wrapping the thread to the thorax – again keeping a slim profile.
- 4) Wrap the tinsel body to the waiting thread at the thorax and tie off and trim excess.
- 5) Tie in Opal tinsel for wingcase and then the peacock herl for the thorax.
- 6) Wrap peacock and thread together to just behind the bead head. Tie off and trim the excess.
- 7) Tie in one pair of legs on each side, pull the wing case material over the thorax and secure behind bead head. Whip finish and cement.

Try it in tan, brown, olive, and even blue. I also like the barred Sili-Legs. Fish this fly deep as the top fly of a dropper rig in larger sizes as the dropper in smaller sizes. Also try moving this fly a little as it drifts just to give the legs something to do down there.