

Fly of the Month

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Cheech's La Bomba – Bluegill Bomber

It's summer and the fishing is good everywhere. Nothing is better than being able to stop off for at a local pond or lake and get in some fish-catching fun without investing a couple hours of drive-time on both ends. Bluegill, bass, and cat-fish are not normally terribly sophisticated in their fly choices, but this one really puts them on the hook. I found this pattern and video at FlyFishFood by Clark "Cheech" Pierce. I tied it in the original chartreuse color as well as a darker olive. I think it looks like just about any warm water bug, but particularly resembles a damselfly.



Hook: 2X Long Nymph Hook - 10
Thread: Danville Flat Waxed Nylon Thread - 140 Denier - Fl. Green
Tail: Senyo Laser Dub Dubbing - Chartreuse
Body : Cactus Chenille - Chartreuse - Medium or Small
Under Body: Lead Round Wire - .020
Bead: Brass Beads - Fl. Chartreuse - 1/8" (3.3mm)
Wing Case: Veevus Holographic Tinsel - Chartreuse - Large
Thorax: Super Bright Dubbing - Chartreuse
Legs: Grizzly Micro Legs - Fl. Orange
Glue: Loon UV Clear Fly Finish – Flow

- 1) Place bead on hook and secure in your vise. Add 8-10 wraps of lead wire and shove up against the bead.
- 2) Start thread behind the lead wire and make several wraps back and forth over wire to secure it in place.
- 3) Advance thread to the hook bend. Tease out a section of the Laser Dub and tie in at the middle of the fibers, then fold over and secure. Use a permanent marker to add some vertical stripes.
- 4) Tie in the Cactus Chenille and wrap to just behind the lead wire.
- 5) Tie in tinsel wing case, and then dub a full thorax ending with the thread at the middle of the thorax.
- 6) Tie in legs on both side and then dub over the thread and continue to the bead.
- 7) Pull the wing case tinsel over the thorax and secure behind the bead. Trim excess and whip-finish the thread. Add some UV finish over the wing case to form a bubble and cure.

I fish this either alone using short quick twitching motion or hang it under a popper when the lakes start getting weedy, then just fish the popper like you normally do. This gives the dropper an enticing jigging motion. Remember to pinch down your hook barbs and practice selective harvest especially on bluegill. It takes a long time to develop a good quality bluegill fishery.