

Fly of the Month

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Landon Mayer's Tube Midge

If you missed Landon Mayer's all day presentation, you missed a great one. Guide and author, Landon has made a name for himself by hunting and catching big fish on small flies. Most of us tie and fish midges, but this is a genuinely new pattern. This little pattern uses familiar products in a truly innovative way – the body is made of small Ultra Wire inserted into clear micro-tubing. The genius of this fly is that it has a segmented body that is still translucent just like the natural midge larvae.



Hook: Dai-Riki #125 Size 18-22

Body: Small size Ultra-Wire Red, Copper, or Black inserted into Clear MicroTubing

Thread: 8/0 – 12/0 Black

Gills: Clear Antron

- 1) Cut a 4" length of Ultra-Wire. Insert into the Micro-tubing leaving about 1" out both ends.
- 2) Secure hook in vise. Start by making two wraps of the bare wire at the hook bend.
- 3) Slide tubing to the hook shank and wrap tubing-covered wire around hook shank to just behind the eye.
- 4) Start thread just behind hook eye and secure wire and tubing. Trim excess.
- 5) Form a compact head with the thread.
- 6) Tie in a small bundle of clear antron on top of head extending out front and back.
- 7) Fold Antron overhead extending over the hook eye and secure with one layer of thread. Trim to length.
- 8) Whip finish and trim thread. Finish with Sally Hansen nail finish on head and on bare wire wraps only.

Be patient when trying to insert the wire into the tubing – that's the hard part. This little midge can also be tied with a tungsten bead. Fish dead drift under an indicator or as a dropper. Landon likes to leave the gills long in case he wants to dress the antron ends so that it will suspend in the surface film during an emergence.