

**Fly of the Month**

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**Blue Blood Perdigon**

Perdigon flies are a product of the Euro-Nymphing community and are designed to be a slim, streamlined, and heavily weighted point fly meant to drop straight to the river bottom and stay there. I suppose you could use split shot for the same application except that these are much prettier and are far more likely to catch a fish. While they may not look like anything in particular, they could be just about anything found in the water and are most often tied as an attractor. Typically, they consist of little more than a slim tail, slim, smooth tapered body, and a slightly oversized tungsten bead. They come in a rainbow of colors – sometimes all on the same fly – and most often have a black spot on the collar and bead head signifying a wing case.



Our all-day speaker, Jason Randall, spoke about the new nymphing systems, but only mentioned a couple of specific flies. I found that a bit unusual, but he also said, “The wrong fly presented properly is always better than the perfect fly presented poorly.” That being a universal truth in fly fishing, I still had to pay attention to one of his favorite flies – the Blue Blood Perdigon. Typical of perdigons, it is very easy to tie and very durable.

- Hook: Your favorite barbless Jig Hook #14-16
- Bead: Silver slotted tungsten of appropriate size
- Thread: Red 8/0
- Tail: Dark Coq de Leon Fibers
- Body: Medium Holographic Blue tinsel
- Collar: Red Tying Thread
- Spot: Black Nail Polish
- Coating: SolarEZ Bone Dry UV Cure (or your favorite thin coating)

- 1) Place bead on hook and secure in vise. Start thread behind bead and advance thread to hook bend making a very uniform layer.
- 2) Tie in 6 Coq de Leon fibers about the length in the hook shank and continue even thread wraps back to just behind the bead. Trim tail butts.
- 3) Tie in a length of the Holographic Blue tinsel just behind the bead. Wrap a very even layer of tinsel to the hook bend and then back to the bead and tie off. Trim the excess tinsel.
- 4) Using the red thread, make numerous thread wraps just behind the bead to for a narrow band for the collar. Place a dot of black nail polish on top half on the collar and half on the bead and let dry.
- 5) Follow the instructions for the SolarEZ Bone Dry coating, coat the whole body, collar, and spot and “torch” it with your UV light. Add a second coat building up a little at the collar so that it is smooth.

Honestly I have never been terrible impressed with any of the UV cure glues and coatings until I found the SolarEZ line of products. They do work very well and have a number of thicknesses for

various applications. The Bone Dry is very thin and cures super clear with no hazing or tackiness, and it is available at any good fly shop. Enough sales pitching.

You can tie this fly in either the jig version or the standard nymph version and try any color of holographic tinsel you want. I have not fished the blue yet, but I have fished it in olive and copper with good results. As Jason stated, you may catch more fish on the dropper, but often you score with both flies throughout the day.

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