

Fly of the Month

By Mike Ott

Devin Olsen's Blowtorch Nymph

Devin tied this one at the All-Day Meeting and fished it for Missouri's resident rainbows the next day. I will say, between Devin's impressive skill and his Blowtorch Nymph, the trout did not stand a chance. I really like hot spots on nymphs and this one has two – its floss tail and the collar. It is a relatively simple fly to tie, very durable, and very effective.



Hook: Orientsun 5241 Heavy Wire Jig Hook #14 - 18
Bead: Silver Slotted Tungsten
Thread: Veevus 16/0 Brown
Tail: Fluorescent Orange Glo Brite Floss
Ribbing: Brassie Size Red wire
Body: SLF Black Dubbing
Hackle: Natural CDC feather
Collar: Veevus 16/0 Orange Thread

- 1) Set bead on hook and secure in vise. Start thread behind the bead and advance to the hook bend.
- 2) Secure a doubled-over length of Glo Brite floss behind the bead extending past the hook bend and wrap down to the bend. Trim to just past the hook bend.
- 3) Tie in a section of the ribbing wire along the hook shank and secure with thread wraps.
- 4) Dub a tight slightly tapered body to just behind the bead.
- 5) Rib with red wire and secure behind the bead.
- 6) Add a small bump of dubbing at the end of the body to help set the hackle out.
- 7) Tie in CDC feather by the tip and make one and a half to two wraps of hackle. Secure feather and trim excess.
- 8) Whip finish the brown thread and trim excess.
- 9) Start orange thread and build a collar of the orange thread.
- 10) Brush cement on an inch of thread, make a couple wraps, and then whip finish.

This fly "looks like nothing in nature," but could be anything or could be nothing. Obviously, he fished it as part of his Euronymph rig, as well as a nymph on his dry/dropper and dry/double-dropper rig.