

Fly of the Month

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Trip Saver Nymph

Gary at Feather-Craft put together a list of winter fly patterns for the Urban Trout Bust, and this one really stood out. It really encompasses everything that is buggy in a nymph. Originated by Kevin Howell, this fly could be just about anything that swims or crawls in the stream. It has a great profile and offers lots of action in the water.



Hook: TMC5262 or equivalent nymph hook, size #14 or #16
Thread: 8/0 Black
Bead: 7/64 Black Tungsten
Legs: Brown Rubber – two pieces in front of bead and two at the tail
Rib: Pearl Krystal Flash
Abdomen: Whitlock SLF Red Fox Squirrel Thorax dubbing
Wing: Pearl Krystal Flash – 5 strands
Hackle: Hungarian Partridge
Collar: UV Black Ice Dubbing

- 1) Place bead on hook and secure in vise. Push bead back to the bend and start thread behind hook eye.
- 2) Tie in two pieces of rubber leg material extending out in front of the hook eye about the length of the hook shank. Whip finish and trim thread. Slide bead up to hook eye covering the rubber leg butts.
- 3) Start thread behind bead and advance to the hook bend.
- 4) Tie in two pieces of rubber leg material extending out the rear about the length of the hook shank.
- 5) Tie in 1 strand of Krystal Flash for ribbing and dub a tapered body of Fox Squirrel Thorax dubbing to behind the bead.
- 6) Evenly rib the body to behind the bead. Tie off and trim the excess.
- 7) Tie in 5 strands of Krystal Flash as a wing extending to bend of the hook.
- 8) Tie in Partridge feather by the tip and make two or three wraps as a collar. Tie off and trim excess.
- 9) Dub a fine collar of black Ice Dubbing. Whip finish and trim thread.