

Fly of the Month

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Jigged Red-Butt Nymph

I do a lot of Googling and YouTube searching fly patterns especially when I get ready for a trip somewhere new. While planning our trip west, we were looking for ways to break up our 18 hour drive. After a suggestion by one of our members (thanks Dan), we made a stop-over to fish a day with Dakota Anglers in the Black Hills of South Dakota. They fish a lot of jigged nymph flies to keep their clients out of the stream bed rocks. This is one of their patterns that has been very productive for them. It is kind of a hot-spot pattern, but with more subtle colors.



Hook: Umpqua Competition Jig Hook #12 - 16

Bead: Gold or Copper Slotted Tungsten

Thread: Brown 8/0

Tail: Coq De Leon fibers

Rib: Small Copper Wire

Hot Spot: Red SLF Dubbing

Body: Hare's Ear Dubbing

Thorax: Black Squirrel Dubbing

1. Place bead on hook and secure in vise. Start thread behind bead and advance to hook bend.
2. Tie in a tail of 6-8 Coq De Leon fibers about as long as the body.
3. Tie in copper wire ribbing.
4. Dub about 1/4 of the hook shank with the red SLF.
5. Dub about 1/2 of the hook shank with the hare's ear dubbing.
6. Rib the hot spot and body with the copper wire, tie off and trim the excess.
7. Dub the remaining thorax area with the black squirrel dubbing.
8. Whip-finish behind the bead. Brush out the thorax to make it full and leggy.

We fished these under an indicator both with and without a dropper. If you like to watch videos, check out www.flyfishsd.com. They have quite a few other videos out there as well. They also have a great shop in downtown Rapid City, South Dakota and some real top-notch guides fishing the relatively undiscovered streams of the Black Hills.