

Fly of the Month

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The Ginny Midge

With the Tanneycomo Outing as well as the winter catch-and-release season quickly approaching, it's time for more midges. One of our tyers at the last meeting (sorry I can't remember which of you) was tying the Ginny Midge. The history of the tiny pattern is not clear, but I would bet it came from a guide on a tailwater fishery somewhere out west. What I do know is that it is not going to be a secret for long. While searching this pattern, I found it in a number of places from Orvis to T. Hargrove here in St. Louis. If you've been intimidated by tying small flies, this one is easy enough to get you down below size 20.



Hook: Dai-Riki 125 size 20-24
Bead: Killer Caddis Gray/Silver
Thread: Black 8/0 or Veevus 12/0
Body: Pearl Flashabou
Wing: Pearl Flashabou

- 1) Mash down the hook barb, thread the bead onto the hook, and secure hook in vise.
- 2) Start the thread right behind the bead, and tie in one strand of Pearl Flashabou.
- 3) Wrap one layer of Flashabou back toward the hook bend covering the hook shank with one layer to just around the hook bend. Return forward by wrapping another layer of to just behind the bead.
- 4) Secure the Flashabou with three or four thread wraps.
- 5) Twist the remaining material several times so that it forms a loop when you put slack in it.
- 6) Fold the Flashabou over to form a small loop out over the hook and tie in with several thread wraps.
- 7) Pull the loop to make it about 1/3rd the hook shank.
- 8) Trim the excess and whip finish the thread at the collar just behind the bead.

The glass bead adds just enough weight to get the fly down under the surface yet move naturally in the current. The flash will differentiate it from all the other bugs in the water. You may want to try some other colors as well – Flashabou comes in a rainbow of colors. Fish this dead-drift alone or as a dropper under a tungsten beaded midge or attractor. One fellow fly fisher says he would fish it under a midge emerger or a Griffith's Gnat.