

**Fly of the Month**

*By Mike Ott*

**Duracell Jig Nymph**

I've been tying and fishing various "Euro-style" and "jigged" nymphs for a while now. I was introduced to the Duracell Jig while fishing in the Black Hills with Dave from Dakota Anglers. It quickly became one of my all-around go-to flies after Dave plucked it off his hat and tied it on before we even left the parking lot at every stream we fished.

We did make a few changes throughout the day, but whenever changing streams, he always went back to the Duracell Jig as his anchor fly of choice.

Reportedly created by Craig McDonald, the Duracell has quickly become a favorite pattern among the Euro or Czech style nymphing crowd.

Made mostly of Ice Dub and wire, it is very durable, sinks well, and is just the right mix of color, flash, and motion.

- Hook: Your Favorite Barbless Jig Hook #12 to #16
- I like the Hanak Superb Jig hook and the new Firehole Sticks Jig hook
- Bead: Appropriately-sized Slotted Tungsten Nickel or Nickel Black
- Thread: Veevus Brown or Camel
- Tail: Coq De Leon Tailing, Dyed Brown
- Body & Thorax: Ice Dub, UV Brown
- Ribbing: UTC Ultra Wire, Small, Red
- Collar: Brown CDC

- 1) Position your bead on the hook, and secure hook in the vise. Start your thread behind the bead and advance thread to the hook bend. Tie in 6-8 Coq De Leon fibers as the tail about the length of the body and trim the excess.
- 2) Tie in a length of the red wire on the opposite side of the hook shank and wrap thread back over the wire and tail to the hook bend.
- 3) Dub a tight, tapered body, to just behind the bead. Wrap an evenly-spaced wire rib to the bead and secure.
- 4) Trim or twist off the excess wire.
- 5) Tie the CDC feather in by the tip and make a collar with two wraps of the CDC.
- 6) Secure with thread wraps and trim excess.
- 7) Dub a thin thorax between the CDC collar and the bead to cover the thread wraps and to fill any gap between the fly and the bead. (This should not take much dubbing)
- 8) Whip-finish and trim the thread.
- 9) Don't be put off by the color you see as "Ice Dub UV Brown".
- 10) There is a lot of color going on in there and all of them apparently catch fish.
- 11) I'm still not sure about whether or not UV materials catch any more fish or not, but I like this material. I fish this fly just as close to the bottom as I can with either an unweighted dropper below it, or as the anchor fly in my Czech nymph rig.