

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## Nano's Leech

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Nano Peralta, is a guide with Estancia Laguna Verde, located in Argentina. He is an excellent guide, fly fisher and an innovative fly tier. Nano's simple leech is a prime example of his tying skill and creativity. This pattern not only works in Patagonia but here in British Columbia too. I came across this pattern down in Argentina and was so impressed that I tried it up here with great success. Fished on a sinking or intermediate line with a varied strip retrieve this pattern is deadly.

The body portion can be tied in a variety of ways.

- Using thread and Rabbit material in a dubbing loop.
- Using a bought rabbit wire brush.
- Using a home made dubbing brush.



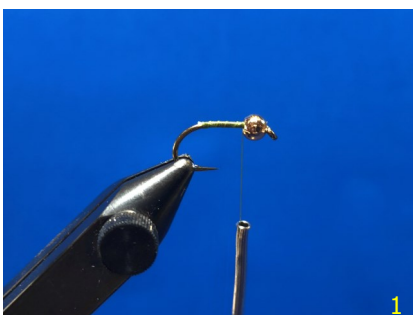
## MATERIALS



### List of Materials:

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| Hook -         | Daichi 1520, #8                        |
| Bead -         | Tungsten, Gold                         |
| Thread -       | UTC 70, Olive                          |
| Tail -         | Rabbit Zonker Strip, Barred Olive      |
| Body -         | Rabbit Fur Dubbing Brush, Barred Olive |
| Lateral Line - | Flashabou, Copper #6906                |
| Hackle -       | Hungarian Partridge, Olive             |
| Head -         | Ice Dub, Peacock                       |

## TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Place bead on the hook and lay a thread base down to the bend of the hook and back up to the bead.
2. Cut a strip of the Rabbit Zonker at a 45° angle strip off a 1/4" of the rabbit fur. Tie the cut end in right behind the bead. Bind down to the hook bend. Wet the fibres and separate 2 shank lengths past the bend and cut the tail at a 45° angle.



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3. Make a wire brush using a dubbing brush spinning tool with stainless steel wire and the barred olive rabbit fur.



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4. Tie in the brush at the end of the tail.

5. Wind the brush forward to behind the bead, sweeping the fur back with each wrap to avoid trapping fur. Tie off and using wire cutters cut off the excess brush.



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6. Tie in the 2 strands of copper Flashabou down the lateral line on each side of the leech body. Place more thread wraps back over the brush to create a small space behind the bead to allow the hackle to be tide in.



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7. Tie in the hackle by the base with the shiny side forward wet fly style.

8. Make two complete wraps tie off and cut the excess.



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9. Form a small dubbing loop and insert the peacock Ice dub into the loop, spin the loop.

10. Using a dubbing brush gentle brush out the loop and then wind three or four turns behind the bead, tie off and trim the excess.



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11. Place head cement on the thread then whip finish to finish the fly.

*Tight Lines & Good Luck!*