

OSPREY FLY BOX

Pearl Bead Anti-Static Bag Chironomid

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For the last 2 years I have dabbled in chironomid fly fishing. However, it was not till I went fly fishing with my fellow Osprey fly fishing buddies, Arnold Arce and Jack Hermkens that I looked at it in a different light.

We headed out bright and early one spring morning to hit Tunkwa Lake. When we arrived and set up our boat rental we were greeted by Richard and Cody (resort staff) and a couple other anglers. They told us how the fishing had been, what they had luck on, and showed us their chironomid collection. These were my kind of anglers; everyone helping each other and very open about their gear. Like most good fishermen, they knew there would be lots of fish for all of us!

So, with our game plan in place we did our reconnaissance work with our depth sounders to find an ideal spot. We dropped our front and rear anchors, cast our lines with strike indicators on and started our wait...

Within 5 minutes Arnold gets a strike! Down the indicator goes

and his reel strips off line as he yells, "Holy Molly!" He lands it and pulls up a perfect 3 lbs rainbow for the picture, and then a clean release. Needless to say, I was interested.

Then, just 10 minutes later Jack gets another one! I was a little put off, thinking it might be a day of taking pics for my buddies, so I pulled my line in, changed my fly into my favorite "pearl bead – anti static bag chironomid", adjusted the depth using my trusty old haemostats and then the fun began... Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

In the end, my buddies, Arnold and Jack could not resist sampling my favorite fly.....it was a great day of chironomid fishing for the three of us which made me a full believer in this style.

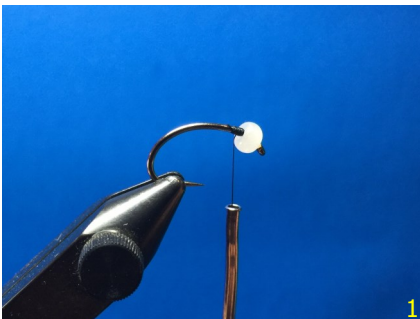
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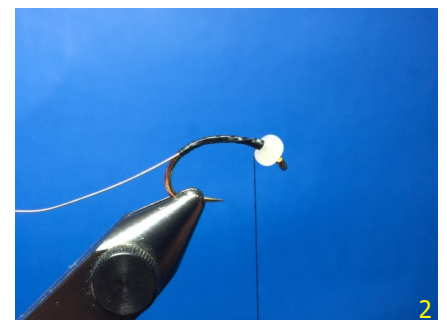
List of Materials:

- Hook - Mustad C49S #10
- Bead - 7/64 Pearl Glass Bead
- Thread - Black UTC 70
- Rib - Fine Copper Wire
- Body - Anti-Static Bag
- Thorax - Tying Thread
- UV or Super Glue Coating

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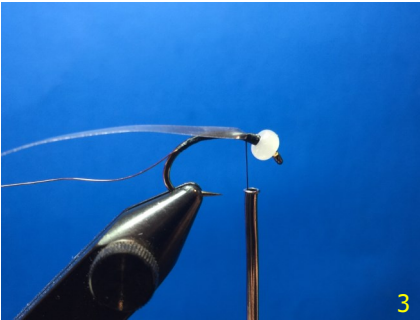


1. De-barb the hook, slide a pearl bead onto the hook shank and slide the bead to the hook eye. Attach the tying thread directly behind the pearl bead.
2. Take a length of fine copper wire and stab it inside the bead to help position it along the near side of the hook. Bind the wire in place down the shank of the hook into the bend and return the tying thread to the rear of the bead.

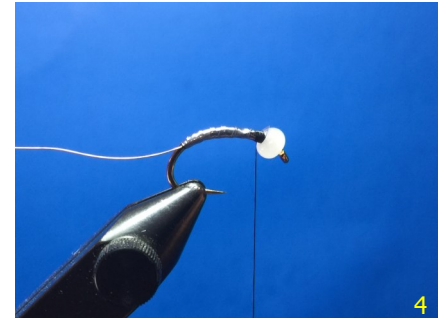


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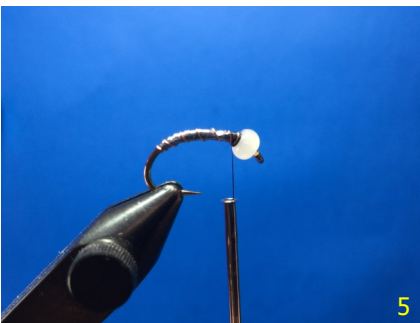
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3. Attach a thin strand of anti-static bag directly behind the bead.



4. Wind the anti-static strand down the hook shank into the bend and then back over itself to the bead. Make sure the wraps are smooth and that there are no visible gaps between the wraps. Keep the body slender to match the natural chironomid pupa.



5. Counter wind one complete wrap of the copper wire around the butt and provide protection for the body. Continue wind the rib in open spirals over the body up to the bead, tie off then using a helicopter motion break off the excess.



6. Spin your bobbin counter clockwise to un cord the thread strands, then buildup a neat tapered thorax. Whip finish behind the bead and cut the thread. Cover the body and thorax with brushable super glue or thin UV clear Fly Finish. I find if you use the UV finish that the fly is a little tacky so I apply a thin coating of Hard as Nails over the UV finish



Tight Lines & Good Luck!