Phil's Fly Box

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Glenn's Leech

For those of you looking for a simple easy to tie yet effective leech pattern, look no more. Thanks to fellow Osprey Glenn Gerbrandt I have found it. Glenn first told me of this pattern over 2 years ago while we were discussing one of our favorite waters, Dragon lake near Quesnel. This pattern has not only made converts of Glenn and myself but also fellow club member Steve Hanson and Tyson Gogel from Ruddick's Fly Shop.

Glenn's leech is a simple combination of a weighted Tiemco 2457 hook (Sizes #8-#12), gold wire, rabbit fur and marabou. The weighted hook causes the pattern to ride upside down. This helps keep the fly weedless and the fish sure don't seem to mind the pattern riding in this fashion. When tying in the rabbit strip only leave a short stub of the hide extending no further than the bend of the hook, this keeps the rabbit tail from fouling around the hook. From my own personal observation trout seem to prefer leeches 3 inches in length or smaller. Don't waste you time tying "monster" leech patterns. A #10 2457 is my personal favorite for this pattern. Be sure to tie this pattern in a wide spectrum of colors. I have experienced good success with brown, black, olive, brown, maroon and gray. Brown has been particularly effective in the clearer marl lakes such as Dragon, Courtenay and White.

To fish this pattern I generally use a line appropriate to the depth of water I am fishing. My two personal favorites are an intermediate line and the newer Stillwater line. My

leaders usually range from 9 to 12 feet. A varied hand twist retrieve or short 3 to 4 inch pulls combined with pauses is usually quite effective.

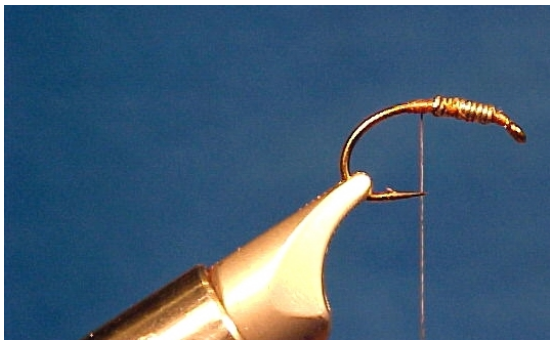
Tie some of Glenn's leeches. They are a simple and very effective pattern.

GLENN'S LEECH

Thread:	Color To Suit
Hook:	Tiemco 2457 #8-#12 Weighted
Tail:	Narrow, Short Strip of Rabbit Fur (Color to Suit)
Rib:	Fine Gold Wire
Body:	Marabou Wound By The Tips

INSTRUCTIONS

1.



Debarb and weight hook. Attach thread and secure weight in position.

2.

Attach tail material. Trim hide no longer than the bend of the hook.



3, 4.



Attach rib.

Attach 10 to 15 strands of marabou by tips.

5.
Wind body. Keep a slim profile in mind



6.



Counter wind rib

7.
Form head and whip finish.



8.



Bead heads adapt nicely to this pattern.

Got a favorite pattern you would like to share with fellow club members?
Please let me know and I will feature it in a future issue.

Next edition: One of Dunc's Deadly

This pattern originally first appeared in the June 1996 Osprey News and is one of the patterns featured in Phil's book **"Fly Patterns for Stillwaters".** It has become a popular pattern since it first appeared in our newsletter and was one of Phil's Flybox files where the original prints were lost as well as the jpeg files.
I've redone the photos and incorporated them into the original text.
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