

OSPREY FLY BOX

THE CHEWY MCPHAIL

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Here is what you get when you watch too many You Tube videos and spend too much time at the "bench".

This Darner Nymph is a combination of Davie Mc Phail's Dragonfly Nymph, BC Fly Guy's OCD Olive Chewy Dragonfly Nymph and a few of my own alterations.

I haven't fished it yet but looks like a winner!!

Give it a try and let me know how you make out.

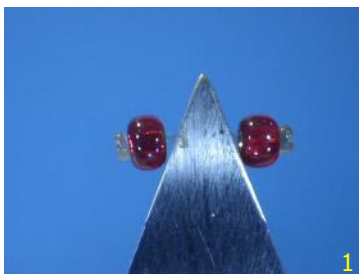


MATERIALS



- Hook:** TMC 5263 Nymph Hook #6-#8
- Eyes:** #8 Red Glass Silver lined Beads on 40lb. Mono
- Thread:** Uni 6/0 Olive Dun
- Tail:** Olive Deer Hair
- Underbody:** 2mm Foam
- Body :** Olive Squirrel Dubbing
- Shellback:** Olive Thin Skin
- Rib:** 12lb. Clear Mono (Maxima Ultragreen)
- Thorax:** Olive Squirrel Dubbing
- Wingbuds:** Olive Thin Skin
- Legs:** Barred Olive Sili Legs Knotted

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Melt the end of the 40lb. Mono and slightly flatten the melted end. Cut about 5/8" off and slide on two red glass beads. Melt the open end and flatten. If you want to see it done watch a You-Tube video (*Making mono and glass bead eyes*)



2. Take 3 Olive Barred Sili Legs and form an overhand knot then using a crochet hook pull the three legs through and move the knot to where you want it then tighten. Add a small drop of Flex cement to the knot.



3. Start the thread on the hook shank and using figure 8 wraps, attach the eyes about a hook eye width back from the eye.

4. Stack a small clump of Deer hair and tie on top of the hook shank to form about a hook gap length tail.



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5. Cut a length of 2mm foam about 1/4" wide and make it as long as the thorax. Cut the piece diagonally to form two wedges. Bind one to each side of the shank.



6. Foam tied in from above.



7. Take a length of 12lb. Mono and with pliers flatten the mono to equal the length of the thorax. Tie in down to the tail on the far side of the hook shank.



8. Cut a length of Olive Thin Skin 1/4" wide and 2" long. Cut one end to a point and tie in at the tail. Pull it over the top to ensure its centred. (*I only had Olive Barred thin skin at the time of this Fly of the Month article*)

9. Dub the body with olive Squirrel dubbing ending up with a cigar shaped body ending at the thorax.



10. Pull the Thin Skin over the top of the body and tie down at the thorax. Cut the thin skin but keep the leftover piece.



11. Rib the body with the 12 lb. mono 5 or 6 times. When wrapping the rib take the mono over the top and up before pulling tight. This will help keep the thin skin centred on the body.



12. Tie on the previously knotted Sili legs one set on each side. Once tied in cut the legs in line with the back of the body.



13. Cut the leftover Thin Skin to a point and tie in Infront of the eyes then move the thread to behind the eyes.



14. Use more olive Squirrel dubbing to build up the Thorax and figure 8 the eyes to build a head. Leave the thread behind the eyes.



15. Pull the Thin Skin over the eyes and tie down right behind the eyes.

16. Lightly dub right behind the eyes to cover the thread wraps then add head cement to the thread and whip finish. Fold the Thin Skin and cut on an angle behind thorax, forming a "notched wingcase".



17. Finished fly from above.



Tight Lines & Good Luck!

