

Mini-Leech

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HOOK: 200R, sizes 6-14

THREAD: To match body/tail color

TAIL: Marabou with 3-5 strands of Krystal Flash that matches the body color. Tie the marabou on the upper half of the hook for the entire length of the shank; this forms an underbody.

BODY: Angora goat or Crystal Seal on a dubbing loop



Uses

Nearly all lakes have [leeches](#), but very few north American species are blood suckers. They are naturally nocturnal, so trout don't see very many during the daytime. But when a fish spots one, it is usually interested, because a leech represents a good meal.

The head and/or front half (only) of the fly should weighted. A beadhead is optional. When retrieved, this gives the fly an up-and-down undulation that mimics the way real leeches swim.

Unlike many patterns that are called a "leech," the Mini Leech and the very similar [Mohair Leech](#) resemble real leeches. Most of the leeches that trout eat are only an inch or two long, and they are thin. This fly imitates them well.

Variations

Good color choices: red, bugundy, purple, black, brown, dark olive.