

Barely Legal Fly Pattern



Recipe:

Hook: curved or scud bend, size 14 – 20

Thread: small diameter, black

Body: peacock herl

Wing case: chartreuse flash

Head: glass bead, 5/64

Tying Instructions:

1. Insert glass bead on hook
2. Wrap tying thread from glass bead to deep in the bend
3. Return tying thread to glass bead, tie in flash
4. Lay flash on top of hook shank and wrap thread to deep in the bend

5. Tie in two strands of peacock herl at the deep in the bend spot
6. Wrap peacock herl to glass bead
7. "cord" flash by twisting it, then lay corded flash over peacock herl to form a long wing case, tie off flash at glass bead
8. Cut tag ends of flash to form wing
9. Whip finish

Notes:

1. The flash is formed by taking a single strand of flash, bring the tips together, cut the loop making two strands of flash. Repeat the process two more times
2. The flash is "corded" by twisting the flash in a clockwise direction until a tight single strand of flash is formed
3. After the whip finish, apply head cement or UV resin over the long wing case
4. The fly is typically non-weighted, since I put weight on the tippet and not the fly. However a wire base could be wrapped from the start of the bend forward toward the eye, stop at the 2/3 point on the hook shank. This fly is an emerging aquatic insect pattern so weight is not preferred.
5. The larger size of this pattern can be used as the top fly and the smaller size pattern for the point or bottom fly
6. For fly patterns to be fished on the bottom I use a jig hook so this fly is best fished in the middle and upper third of the water column.