Osprey Fly Box

Balanced Nano's Leech

contributed by

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This version of Nano's Leech was shown to me during lunch at Lago Strobel *(Jurassic Lake).* Nano *(Mariano)* Peralta taught us how to tie a leech that has two points to attach the tippet to. It can be used either as as a stripping leech or a hanging leech under an indicator.



The Nano's Leech pattern submitted by Tony Ciccozzi in the May 2018 newsletter was the original, tied on a short shank Nymph hook.

This Balanced version is tied on a 3XL streamer hook, but has a loop of wire tied to the inverted hook shank to produce a loop to which the leader is tiedl

The wire can be any that you feel is strong enough. Could be braided, or not. I used single strand wire typically used for toothy dorado in Argentina, but the braided leaders for pike sold here with snaps and swivels (cutoff) would also work. It doesn't really matter as long as it holds the shape you desire. Once the loop material is cut the hanger can be simply bent into shape.

Once the wire is bent to shape it is lashed onto the shank (I used a heavy thread) and glued it in place for added strength.

As with the original pattern, it can be tied with many different body materials and colours.

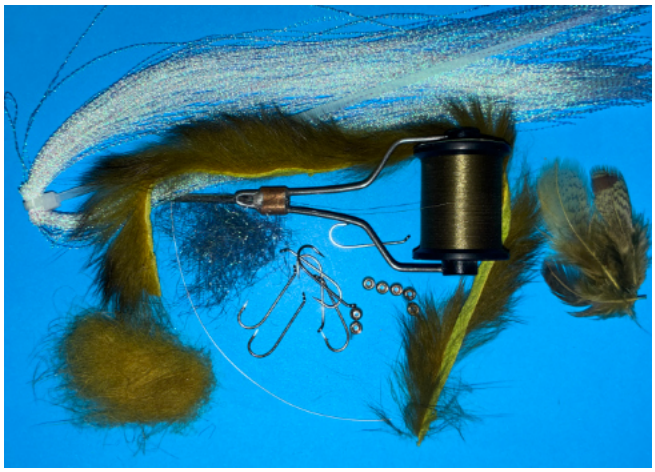
So try this two in one Leech and see how you do.

Nano Peralta can be followed on Instagram at nanoflytying - https://www.instagram.com/nanoflytying?igsh=MXg1d3dhdGJqejNzMA==

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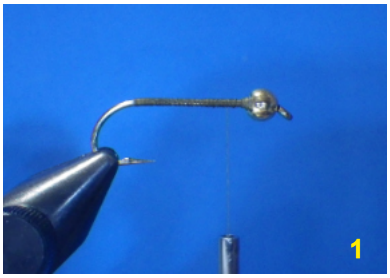
He posts more on Instagram than Facebook.

Materials



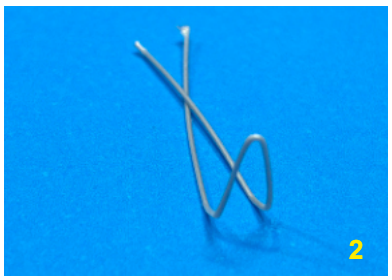
Hook:	TMC-5262 3XL Streamer Hook. Size #8 or #10
Bead:	Gold 5/32" Tungsten
Thread:	UTC 140 Olive
Loop:	Single strand Dorado wire, Bead stringing wire, Pike leader wire, etc
Tail:	Rabbit Zonker Strip, Barred Olive
Tail Flash:	Pearl Krystal Flash
Body:	Rabbit Fur, Olive
Hackle:	Hungarian Partridge, Olive
Head:	Ice Dub, Peacock

Tying Instructions



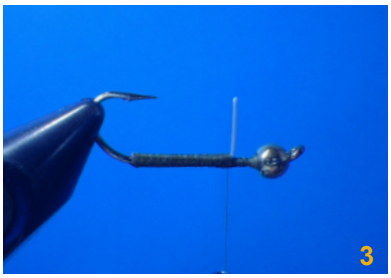
1. Slide the bead onto the hook. Lay a foundation of thread down to the bend and return to about a bead width from the bead. *(depending on the bead material you may have to play with this to get the hook to balance).*

2. Clip a section of wire and bend to make a loop.



Tying Instructions

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3. With the hook inverted, place the wire on the shank and bind down. Take the hook out of the vise place a length of tippet through the loop and check the balance. Adjust the position of the loop to obtain a level hook shank. Return the hook to the vise and place a little super glue on the shank and bind down firmly to the bend.



4. Flip the hook in the vise to be right side up. Cut a strip of the Rabbit Zonker at a 45° angle, strip off a 1/4" section of fur. Tie the cut end in right behind the bead. Bind down to the hook bend. Wet the fibres and separate a shank length past the bend and cut the tail at a 45° angle.



5. Add two strands of Krystal flash to each side of the tail.



6. Form a dubbing brush loop, insert the rabbit fur into the loop and spin closed. Wrap the dubbing brush up to behind the bead, tie off and cut the excess.



7. Place a few extra thread wraps over the dubbing to form a base for the hackle. Tie in the hackle by the base of the stem with the shinny side forward wet fly style.



8. Make two complete wraps of hackle and tie off and clip the excess.



9. Form a small dubbing brush loop, insert the ice dub into the loop and spin closed. Use a dubbing brush to gently brush out the loop. Wrap the dubbing loop three or four times to behind the bead, tie off and clip the excess.

10. Place a split drinking straw over the thread and onto the ice dub, add head cement to the thread and whip finish.



11. Set up for balanced fishing.



Tight Lines & Good Luck!