

OSPREY FLY BOX

BM BACKSWIMMER

contributed by

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I learned how to tie this fly from a couple of my neighbours in Pincher creek who have been very active in the fly fishing industry for over 30 years, they are very generous sharing their knowledge and allowing me to tag along on fishing trips.

Beaver Mines Lake is located 20 km west of Pincher Creek on Hwy 507 and 10 southwest on Hwy 774 in South West Alberta. The BM (*Beaver Mines*) Backswimmer is the go to fly for the SW Alberta and SE BC lakes in the fall, as temperatures drop. It is effective three or four feet under a bobber on a floating line either trolling or casting and slowly retrieving over weeds which are 2 or 3 feet below the surface, or just off weed beds over a dropoff.

After a relatively poor summer of fishing at Beaver Mines Lake during the summer of 2020, the big (and small) rainbows finally showed themselves in early October, with three or four 20+ inch plus (4-5 lb) rainbows being taken late one morning, trolling from a one man pontoon boat. Payne Lake (*east of Waterton Lakes National Park*) also gave up two or three large rainbows along with several 12 to 14 inch fish.

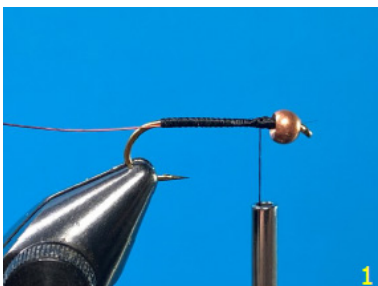


MATERIALS



Hook:	Tiemco 5263 - 2XL Nymph Size: #12
Bead :	Brass or Black 1/8"
Thread:	UNI 6/0 - Black
Abdomen:	Peacock Herl
Rib:	Small Wire - Red or Gold
Legs:	Rubber Silly Legs, Black/Green speckled

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Place the bead on the hook, dress the hook with black thread. Build up the thread behind the hook to secure the bead against the hook eye. Place red wire under the hook shank and tie in from the bead to the back of the hook, take a couple of wraps of thread behind the wire, leaving the wire extending out the back of the hook.

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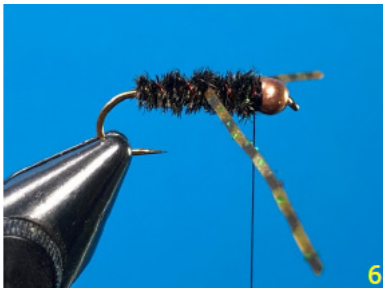
2. Wrap the thread back up to the bead, at the front of the hook. Tie in six or seven strands of Peacock Herl on the top of the hook. Bind down to the bend.



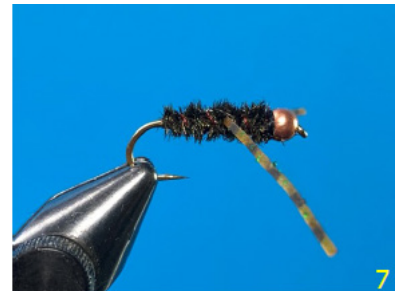
3. Take several wraps of thread behind the Peacock Herl, then wrap the thread forward to about the middle of the hook shank and take several wraps to build up a thread base for the rubber legs. Tie in the rubber legs with x wraps about 1.5" long and angle them for-wards. Continue the thread up to the bead.



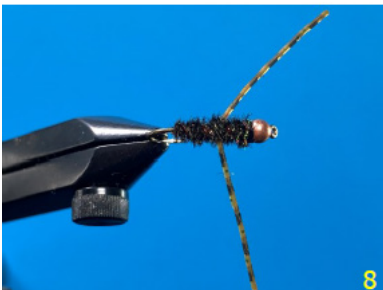
4. View of legs from above.



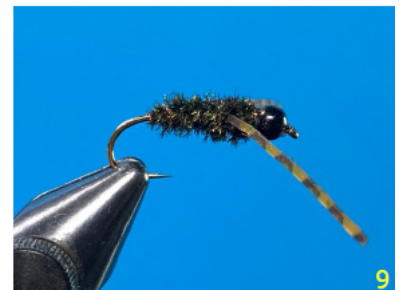
5. Wrap the Peacock Herl forward, again X shaped wraps around the rubber legs to build up some body, continue on front of the hook.



6. Counter wind the red wire forward to add some protection to the delicate Peacock Herl and tie off behind the bead.



7. Apply a little Hard as Nails to the thread and Whip Finish.



8. Finished BM Backswimmer from above.

9. Black Bead Variety..