

OSPREY FLY BOX

CB Chironomid

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I came up with this fly about seven (7) years ago as a variation on a Black Sally. I call it the CB Chironomid (Crystal Bead) original naming right. I tie it in Sizes 16 to 12 but mostly 14 in various colour combinations. The principle variation being a Crystal Bead rather than the traditional Copper, Black, White etc. It's a relatively quick and easy tie so you can pump them off quickly. I originally conceived it without gills since I thought the Crystal Bead would suffice. Not always so. It helps to put the UV coating over the Crystal Bead to help prevent the bead from shattering if you whack it against the side of the boat. I have had some success using it on clear lakes on kind of cloudy days. I think the Crystal tends to flash the light a little more. I pretty well always fish it in water 10 feet or less either under an indicator or naked.



MATERIALS



List of Materials:

- Hook - TMC 2457 #14-18
- Bead - Glass Crystal Bead 3/32" to 5/64" to Match the hook size
- Thread - Black UTC 70
- Body - Black Thread
- Rib - Silver Wire (x small)
- Butt - Red Thread UTC 70
- Gills - White Antron or Sparkle Yarn

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Place the bead on the hook. Tie in the gill material out over the eye With Black thread and tie off. Slide the bead over the tied off yarn.
2. Attach the Red thread behind the bead. Spin the bobbin counter clockwise to uncored the thread and cover the hook shank with a thin layer of thread down to well into the bend of the hook, build a Red Butt. Return the thread to the bead tie off with a two turn whip finish and clip the thread.



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3. Attach the Black Thread behind the Bead and tie in the Silver Wire. Bind the Wire down to just above the Red Butt. Return the Thread to the Bead.



4. Build a slim tapered thread body with the thread ending up at the bead.

5. Wrap the Silver Wire Rib up the shank in open spirals with 5 to 7 turns up to the bead and tie off. Helicopter the wire to break it free.



6. Build a Thread thorax and whip finish. Apply UV finish (remember to cover the bead), cure and coat with Sally Hansens. When dry apply a second thin coat of Sally Hansens and go fishing.



7. Option without the Gills

8. Option with a Amber Thorax.



Tight Lines & Good Luck!

