

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## EGG SUCKING LEECH

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***“I’m Gonna Get Medieval on Your Ass” or Why I Love the Egg Sucking Leech.***

Some days, no actually MOST days, it’s nice to have a fly that defies logic on why it should work or if it actually imitates anything.

The Egg Sucking Leech fits that description to a T, as it’s a cheap knockoff of the classic Woolly Bugger, which has elevated itself as my go-to fly for coastal river applications especially if I DON’T have a clue what species I am targeting. This fly seems to be an equal opportunity irritant to salmon, cutthroat, bulls and rainbow/steelhead making it staple in my book given my unpure aspirations.

My current favorite combination is a #6 - 3XL in brownish olive with a nasty tungsten bead and hint of crystal flash

mixed in but I have fished with black, purple and red with success. My assumption is that it looks like a sculpin with an egg and fish cannot resist vengeance on a red robber ... maybe I’ve got too much time on my hands if I actually believed THAT.

I prefer to fish this down and dirty with a 200 grain tip in fast water, lighter in slower patches. A little crystal flash or flashabou gives it that “je ne sais quoi” or maybe it’s just blind faith. It’s not pretty but that’s what I do.

What’s in my box this month?

### MATERIALS



<b>Hook:</b>	Mustad R74-9672, or TMC 5263BL Size #6
<b>Thread:</b>	Olive (or to match the marabou)
<b>Bead:</b>	4mm Tungsten Bead (Black, Copper or Silver)
<b>Tail:</b>	Olive Marabou
<b>Body:</b>	Medium Olive Chenille, palmered with Olive Saddle Hackle
<b>Collar</b>	Olive Marabou
<b>Over Wing:</b>	6 Strands of Pearl Crystal Flash
<b>Head:</b>	Small Pink Chenille

### TYING INSTRUCTIONS

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- Debarb the hook and slide the bead on to the hook.
- Lay a thread base to the bend of the hook
- Tie in the Marabou tail.
- Prepare and tie in the saddle hackle by the tip
- Tie in the olive chenille.

**TYING INSTRUCTIONS**

*(continued)*



- Wrap the chenille forward leaving room for the head.
- With a Sharpie pen (Black or Dark Brown), make the chenille variegated.



- Wrap the hackle forward, again leaving room for the head.



- Attach olive marabou by the tip in front of the body. Form a marabou collar with two or three wraps of the marabou.
- Add 3 pieces of Crystal Flash, tie down and fold the excess backward. Tie in and trim. (6 strands for the over wing)



- Tie in small pink chenille (*rather than larger, as two wraps look better than one larger and holds better*).

*The Finished Fly*



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- Wrap the chenille forward to the bead (two wraps should be sufficient). Clip the excess.
- Whipfinish and add a drop of head cement.