

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## HOLOGRAPHIC BROWN CHIRONOMID

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I first tied this pattern while fishing Salmon Lake a couple years ago. I having limited success using anti-static bag chironomids while another angler was doing much better than I was. He told me he was using a small brown chironomid.

I did not have any small brown chironomids in my fly box, so I went back to the camper and looked through my fly tying materials. I had some brown holographic flashabou and thought it might work. After all, it was brown and also had a bit of sparkle to it.

I also remembered someone telling me to use orange thread for the thorax to suggest wing buds. I tied up a few and had much more success in the afternoon.

This is now a staple in my fly box and often works when anti-static bag or chromies aren't.

### TYING INSTRUCTIONS

*Photography by Peter Chatt*



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*The Finished Fly*



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*Holographic Brown Chironomid*

### MATERIALS



- Hook:** Tiemco 2302 Size #12 - 18
- Thread:** UTC 70, Burnt Orange
- Bead:** Black Tungsten, size to match hook
- Gills:** Uni Stretch or Poly Yarn, White
- Body:** Holographic Brown Flashabou 6987
- Rib:** Black wire x-small or small

- De-barb the hook.
- Slide the black tungsten bead on to the hook.
- Make a few wraps of thread behind the eye to make a base for the gills. Spin the thread to make it lie flat on the hook when making wraps.
- Tie in small piece of Uni Stretch or poly yarn on top of the hook so it protrudes forward. Whip finish and cut thread.
- Slide the bead forward to the eye of the hook.
- Attach thread behind the bead and build a tapered body to the bend of the hook. Wrap your thread back to just behind the bead.
- Tie in the black wire behind the bead on the underside of the body and wrap the thread down to the bend of the hook to hide the wire. Wrap the thread back to the bead.
- Tie in two strands of flashabou behind the bead (*or one folded in half for smaller hook sizes*).
- Wrap the flashabou down to the bend of the hook and back to behind the bead. Tie off and clip the excess.
- Counter wind the wire up to bead making 5 to 7 ribs. Tie off behind the bead and twist to break off the excess.
- Make a few wraps of the burnt orange thread behind the bead to make a small thorax.
- Whip finish and clip thread.
- Apply two coats of Sally Hansen's Hard as Nails.



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