

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## Micro Leech

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The last few years we've been going to our favorite lake in the Cariboo for at least a couple weeks in the spring and at least as long in Sept: it's not just about the fishing when we go away, it's more about getting away from the BS of the big city, getting set-up for a few weeks and just relaxing away from the boring crap that goes on down here in the big smoke, a chance to just unwind. (We like it up there so much, by the time you've read this we'll be moved up to 150 Mile!) I think my time spent around the campfire at night with my wife and good friends (and maybe a couple drinks!) is much more important than my success on the lake, not sure if that means I'm a lousy fisherman or that my priorities have changed as I've gotten older...

I really like fishing chironomids, most of the time I have one line setup with my offering hanging under an indicator (the purists in the club are shaking their heads reading this I know) and I'll work a nymph or something I'm guessing should produce some results on a slime line on my second rod. Many times we go to this favorite lake and there's not really much going on, no hatches to be seen, no nymphs moving, no birds feeding, no rises any-

where. (This seems to be the case more often than not on this particular lake). At times like this when I have managed to fool the quarry with a pea sized brain, I've pumped it and found itty-bitty "Hawaiian" shrimp (aka hyalella), chaoborus, daphnia or tiny size 18-20 green chironomid. This has happened often enough that now when I head out onto that lake and things are seemingly dead, I'll fish my favorite drop off with my smallest green chironomid on one line and a micro leech on the other. Most times the leech produces better than the chironomid and I'll end up with a micro leech on both lines under indicators, experimenting with colours and depths. We've had fairly consistent luck with various shades of green, olive, brown, maroon and of course black micro leeches; last year my fishing partner did well using a purple version, don't ask me why...?

Next time you're on your favorite lake and things are really slow, try a micro leech under an indicator, chances are something with a pea sized brain will make you glad you did!

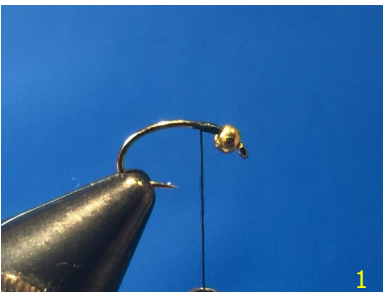
### MATERIALS



#### List of Materials:

- Hook - Tiemco TMC 2457 Size 14
- Bead - Gold 3/32"
- Thread - Black 70 Denier
- Tail - Black Strung Marabou
- Rib - Extra Small Gold or Red Wire
- Body - Black Strung Marabou

### TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Slide the gold bead on to the hook and start the thread right behind the bead.

2. Wrap the thread down to half way between the hook point and the barb. Tie in a sparse clump of Marabou (6 or 7 ) to form a shank length tail.



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3. Lift the marabou back over the tail and place a couple of thread wraps to hold them down. Then advance you thread back up to the bead.



4. Tie in the gold or red wire, bind it down the shank to the marabou tail, then wind the thread back up to the bead.



5. Wind the marabou fibres in to a rope and counter wind them up to the bead and tie off.

6. Wind the wire rib in open spirals up to the bead and tie off. Using your thumb to lock the wire down pull and helicopter the wire to break it off.



7. Place some head cement on the hanging thread and place a couple of wraps directly behind the bead. Whip finish and cut the thread.



With a red wire

*Tight Lines & Good Luck!*