

OSPREY FLY BOX

BEAD HEAD MICRO LEECH

by Peter Caverhill

REAL LIFE ADVENTURES WITH THE BEAD HEAD MICRO LEECH

I haven't tied and used this fly that long. What I love about it is: #1 – It works and #2 – it is so simple to tie that you can produce a dozen the night before the next day even after 5 glasses of wine. The hardest part of tying this fly is probably getting the bead on the hook without dropping it on the floor. The materials are minimal, varied in color and simply applied.

For the "How well it works" part I'll go back to the late fall of 2006 when Bill Starr and I were searching for November trout around Merritt. This was icy guides and cold finger time for sure! We started on Leighton and the rainbows there just loved this fly fished on either a floating #6 or a clear sink tip with a slow strip retrieve. The same gear and technique did the job when we moved over to the lakes in the Kane Valley. The good thing about November – there were no other anglers. So, we didn't have to explain to anyone what magic fly was catching all the fish. It would have been very easily described.



Bead Head Micro Leeches in various colours.

Tied by Peter Chatt

MATERIALS



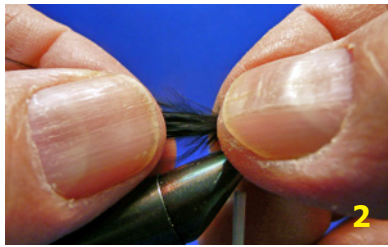
- Hook:** Caddis Hooks, Sizes 10 to 14
Mustad C49S, Tiemco 2457, or Partridge Grub hook YK4A
- Bead:** Cyclops Eyes Copper Bead
Size to match hook size.
- Thread:** Black or to match body Colour
- Tail:** Marabou tail to match or contrast the body
- Body:** Mohair - your choice.



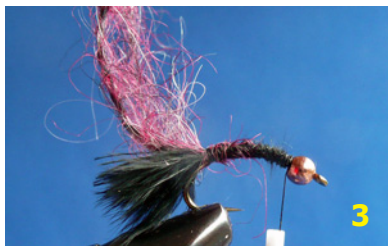
TYING INSTRUCTIONS



Debarb the hook.
Slip on a copper bead.
Wrap a thread base
Apply the marabou tail



With two hands rip the Marabou to length.
Leaves fuzzy ends



Tie in mohair (*Wool or dubbing*) to form the body.



Wrap forward to the bead head and tie off.
Whip finish behind bead and add drop of head cement.
Use your dubbing brush to rough up the body and it is all done.
(*I make my brush out of a Popsicle Stick and Velcro*)

The Finished Fly



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TIER'S NOTE:

Four combinations were tied

- Black tail and Maroon body – Olive tail and body
- Black tail and body – Maroon tail and body.

