

OSPREY FLY BOX

Mike's Jig Blob

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In theory, blobs represent a cluster of daphnia which are specific genus of small, freshwater crustaceans. Daphnia are light sensitive and will rise or fall in the water column depending on the light.

In the morning they can be higher in the water column, descending as the sun rises, and again higher in the evening. Adjusting depth with this in mind may help you find more fish.

I only fish blobs under an indicator but some anglers also strip them on a sinking line. The danger with stripping them is they can be inhaled by the fish and it may be impossible to remove the fly without injuring the fish.

To be honest, I would rather fish many other types of patterns under an indicator, but at times blobs can be very effective. I have found them to be especially good in the morning before a chironomid hatch, but they can produce throughout the day.

This pattern worked very well for me during the May 2026 Osprey fish out at Corbett Lake. It also worked very well at Leighton Lake last August.

Blobs are straightforward to tie and can be made in an almost endless range of colours. This version uses a two-colour combination, and an optional flash tail. To improve hook ups, it is tied on a wide gape jig hook. A slotted tungsten bead helps it sink quickly and hang horizontally beneath an indicator.

A lot of the fish I caught with this pattern were healthy and plump. When the throat was sampled, they often contained only daphnia or some tiny chironomids, so it is obviously a big part of their diet.

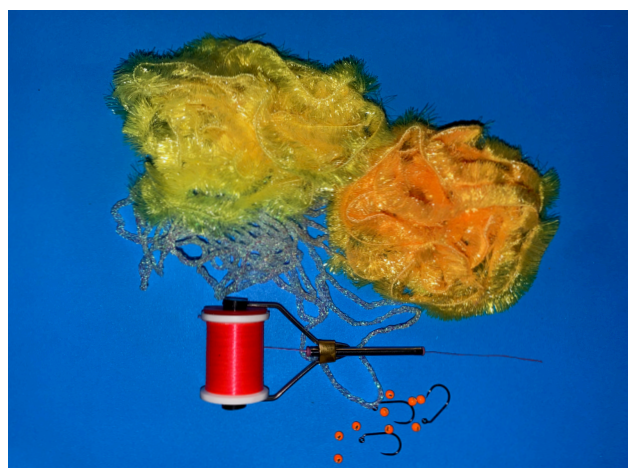


In the past when using blobs with non jig hooks, I found fish would sometimes inhale the blob. But with a jig hook, that happened very infrequently, and much to my surprise, often the hook would release when the fish was in the net, much like chironomid flies frequently do.

When using a jig hook, tying it on with a clinch knot ensures it hangs horizontally in the water, but a nonslip loop knot worked just as well for me.

The takes with blobs can sometimes be very subtle, so experimenting with different hook set approaches may be needed. I found if I waited for the indicator to go down until I felt tension in the rod before setting the hook, I was much more consistent in setting the hook successfully. Blobs can be fished static or actively under an indicator. After sitting static for a few minutes, a quick strip can often trigger a bite.

MATERIALS



- Hook:** Jig style hook, Partridge Jig SLJ or equivalent. Size: #10
- Bead:** Slotted Tungsten 1/8" Fl. Orange
- Thread:** UTC 70 Fl. Fire Orange
- Tail:** Dyed Pearl Diamond Braid Pearl - DP284r
- Body 1:** FNF Jelly Zest
- Body 2:** FNF Jelly Blushing Sunburst



TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Place slotted tungsten bead on the hook, with the point of hook going thru the small hole.

2. Cover the hook with thread to the bend and back.



3. For optional tail, tie in Diamond braid pearl or equivalent – lots of materials will work.

4. Cut off some fibres from the Jelly Zest to expose the core and tie in the core at the hook bend. Advance thread to about the halfway point.



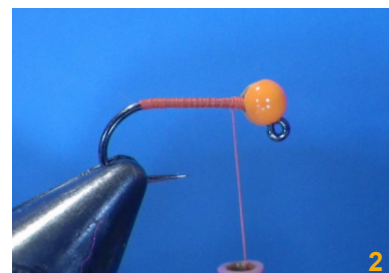
5. Palmer the Zest forward in tight wraps and tie off. Cut excess. Remember to sweep the fibres back after each wrap.

6. Expose a small section of core for the Jelly Blushing Sunburst and tie in directly behind the Jelly Zest.



7. Palmer the Jelly Blushing Sunburst forward and ensure it is wrapped tight to the bead. Tie off and cut off excess. Remember to sweep the fibres back after each wrap.

8. I usually add some Loctite or equivalent to a small section of the thread and then Whip finish.



Tight Lines & Good Luck!