

OSPREY FLY BOX

OLIVE & COPPER CHIRONOMID PUPA

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I learned about this fly from Jeremy Buron's "Complete Guide to Successful Chironomid Fishing". Published 2020. I found the use of Flourescent Fire Orange thread wrapped around the bead to simulate the wing pads of a chironomid interesting as I hadn't seen it used elsewhere.

I tied some up and did quite well with this fly and variants of it at Corbett Lake, Knouff Lake, and lakes north of highway 24. I fished them both under an indicator as well as dangling close to bottom. I can't say if the fluorescent wing pads really make a difference, but I gained confidence fishing them.

Maybe this year I will try some experiments with the same fly pattern with and without the wing pads.



MATERIALS



Hook:	Daiichi 1760 2XL Nymph Hook #14
Bead:	Copper 7/64"
Thread:	UTC 70 Olive Green
Body:	UTC 70 Olive Green
Rib:	Small Copper Wire
Wingpads:	UTC 210 Flourescent Fire Orange
Gills:	Uni-Stretch White

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Crimp the barb on the hook and slide on the bead with the wide opening facing the hook eye. Attach the Olive Green tying thread and tie in the White Uni-stretch for the gills, keeping the wraps to a minimum. I prefer tying in with a bow tie configuration so two ends of the Uni-Stretch are facing forward as the gills. Keep the number of wraps to a minimum as additional material for the wingpads will be tied on prior to sliding the bead up to the hook eye.

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2. The Wing Pads are simulated with strands of UTC's "FL. Fire Orange", size 210. The number of strands required depends on the hook size. For a 1760 #14, I use two strands tied on each side of the hook. Use minimal number of wraps to secure them as close as possible to the hook eye. Cut off the excess strands behind the tie in point. Whip finish behind the bead and trim off the thread.



3. Slide the bead up tight to the gills and hook eye, re-attach the thread behind the bead. Carefully fold back the Fl. Orange Wing pads over the bead (2 strands each side), parallel to the hook shank, and tie off right behind the bead. I like to do one side first with 1-2 wraps and then the other side.



4. Trim off the excess wing pad material and trim the gills to about a bead width.

5. Tie in a piece of small UTC copper wire and wrap the thread with the wire to the bend of the hook keeping the wire parallel to the hook shank (*align thread with the barb point*).



6. Build up a taper with the thread for the body. I first wrap back to the bead, then down to the 3/4 point and back, then down to the 1/2 way point and back, and then 1/4 down and back to the bead. Flatten the thread as you go, aiming for a thin profile. Tie off the thread behind the bead with a single whip finish, especially if using the rotary function of a vise to wrap the rib.



7. Wrap the copper wire to the bead, aiming for 7 segments – tie off and trim the wire. Complete the thorax with final wraps as necessary, whip finish, and trim the thread.



8. Coat the Chironomid with your coating of choice (*Crazy Glue, UV Resin or Sally Hansens*)



Tight Lines & Good Luck!