

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## RUBY EYE MICRO LEECH

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A new fly to me that I been having great success with is a ruby eye micro leech — black and red with a red bead. People have always been telling to dangle a micro leech under a strike indicator in the shallows.

So in August, on my favorite lake we were cruising the shallows when I see three monster trout. I shut down the electric motor and gently drop the anchors. My heart is pounding, I have two rods set up and one is with a ruby red micro leech. I cast it out not far from the boat with the indicator set at five feet.

I looked down to grab the other rod and this chrome rocket launches out of the water and my rod bounced across the boat. I grab the rod and what a fight. It happened so fast. I caught two that day about the same size. A trophy I would say. I'm sold on the dangle of a micro leech!



### MATERIALS



<b>Hook:</b>	Mustad S82-3609B Size #12
<b>Thread:</b>	Black 8/0
<b>Bead:</b>	Ruby Prism Bead
<b>Tail:</b>	Black Marabou
<b>Body:</b>	Mohair Plus Black-Red

### TYING INSTRUCTIONS

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- De-barb the hook
- Slide the Ruby coloured Prism bead on to the hook.
- Lay a thread base down along the shank of the hook.
- Tie in the marabou for the tail and rip to length.
- Form a dubbing loop with the thread, insert the Mohair Plus along the loop and spin.



- Wind the dubbing forward to the bead, stroking the fibres back with each turn.
- Clip the excess, make a few turns of thread behind the bead and add a drop of head cement.
- With a velcro comb and tease out the dubbing and comb to back forming a scruffy body.
- Remove the fly and place in a cup of boiling or hot water for 30 to 60 seconds. This removes the kinks and coils in the dubbing, allowing it to "swim" better through the water.

*The Finished Fly*



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