

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



Hook:	Mustad S82-3609B Size #12
Thread:	Black 8/0
Bead:	Ruby Prism Bead
Tail:	Black Marabou
Body:	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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