

OSPREY FLY BOX

ORANGINA

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I received this pattern from my long-time fishing buddy Tomas during a trip back to the Czech Republic last spring.

Since then, it has proven to be a remarkably effective fly for wild brown trout, stocked rainbows, and a wide range of other river species, including chub.

Here in British Columbia, it quickly became one of my most reliable nymphs. It produced exceptionally well on the Thompson and across many rivers in the Kootenays for trout, pikeminnow, and whitefish, and it's now my go-to pattern. I'm excited to try it on bull trout in Squamish this winter. The tungsten bead gives it excellent performance for euro nymphing, but it fishes just as well on a long line.

The tail is tied with roughly ten Coq de Leon barbs, though any quality soft hackle can be substituted. Magic Glass is a translucent, stretchable body material that thins out under tension, making it ideal for forming slim bodies on small hooks or fuller profiles on larger ones. Different manufacturers market it under various names—Veniard Magic Glass Rib, Hends Body Glass, and others. If preferred, the black thread can be omitted entirely and the fly tied using only the UV orange thread, which will glow subtly through the Magic Glass and lighten the overall appearance. CDC can be used in place of Ice Dubbing for a softer, buggier collar.



MATERIALS



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| Hook: | Jig hook #16 |
| Bead: | Hanák Fluo ⁺ Orange Slotted Tungsten 3.5mm |
| Thread: | Uni 8/0 Black |
| Tail: | Coq de Leon |
| Butt: | UV orange thread |
| Abdomen: | Brown half-round Magic Glass (Hends Body Glass) |
| Thorax: | Ice Dubbing UV Black |

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Slide a slotted tungsten bead onto the jig hook. Start the UV orange thread and form a small butt.
2. Tie in about ten Coq de Leon barbs at the end of the butt, on the side closest to the body.



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3. Whip-finish and cut the orange thread. Start the black thread and secure the bead in place. Tie in the magic glass at the bead.
4. While pulling on the magic glass to thin it out, wrap the thread rearward to the butt binding the magic glass to the hook shank creating an even foundation.



5. Build a slight taper with the thread. Wrap the magic glass forward to just behind the bead under steady tension, leaving a small gap at the bead. Tie off and trim the excess Magic Glass.
6. Apply a small amount of Ice Dubbing to the thread and make a few turns to form a thin collar. Use a bit of Velcro to lightly fluff the dubbing.



7. Whip-finish and apply head cement.

*Tight Lines & Good Luck!*