

Mercury Blood Midge

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Midges are among the most important food sources for trout and the Mercury Blood Midge by Pat Dorsey is one the best imitations. Blood midge patterns work well in Hume Lake. I would expect good results with this one also.

Materials

Hook: Tienco. 200R sizes 12-16

Thread: 8/0 Red (70 Denier)

Abdomen: 8/0 Red Thread

Rib: Fine Gold Wire

Thorax: Peacock Herl

Bead: Small Silver Lined Glass Bead

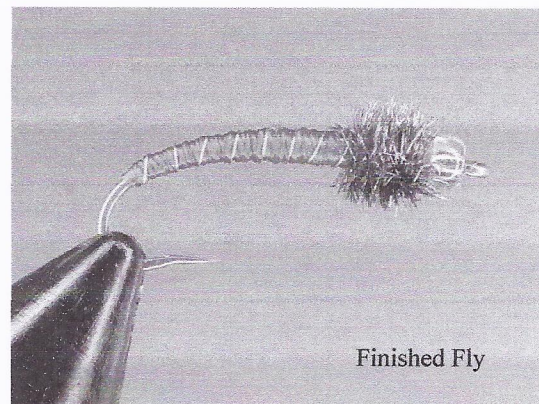
Tying Sequence

1. Barb the hook, install the bead, and clamp in the vise. Attach the thread behind the glass bead and secure a section of gold ribbing wire while forming a small thread dam to keep the bead in place.

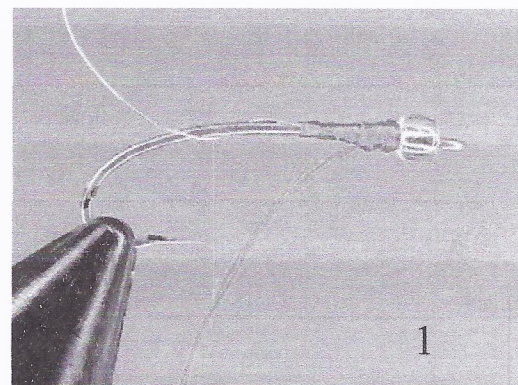
2. As you bind down the gold wire, form a tapered thread body extending a short distance beyond the bend of the hook.

3. Spiral the gold wire over the body and secure behind the glass bead. Attach a section of peacock hurl.

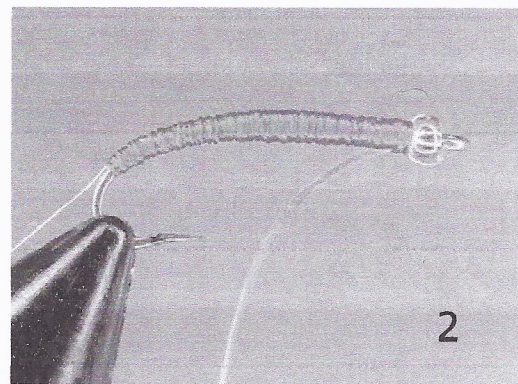
4. Form the thorax with 4 or 5 wraps of peacock hurl. Whip finish and apply head cement to complete the fly.



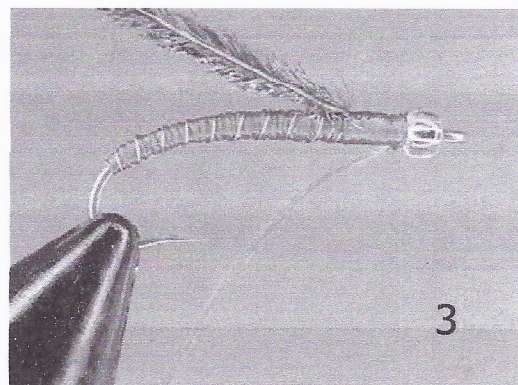
Finished Fly



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