

BEADHEAD CHIRONOMID

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Chironomids are one of the most abundant insects and are found in nearly every body of freshwater in North America. Because the hatches are so large they are one of the most important insects in the food chain as far as many species of fish are concerned. When fish are feeding on Chironomids they cruise through the clouds of emerging insects gulping huge mouth fulls. That is when you want to have a few extra of these ready to go in your fly box.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- HOOK | 135 Scud Hook | 6-22
- BEAD | Hagen's Bead Head | Brass | 1/8"
- BODY | Larva Lace Super Floss | Black Olive
- RIB | larva Lace Dead Soft Copper Wire | .008
- THREAD | Black | 6/0
- HEAD CEMENT | Soft Body | Thin
- BOBBIN | Rite Bobbin | Half Hitch Mag
- WISE | Hagen's Deluxe Vice | Midge Jaw
- Hagen's Fly Drying Wheel

The material used to recreate this can be found at: www.unexcelledfishing.com



« Step 1

Slip your bead head onto the hook and place it in the vice. When you attach the thread to the hook make several wraps right behind the bead, enough to create a bump that you can push into the bead to keep it positioned against the hook eye. Then lay down a solid base of thread to help secure your materials. Wrap your thread back to the bend of the hook approximately in line with the barb.



« Step 2

Tie in a piece of dead Soft Copper Wire followed by a piece of super floss.

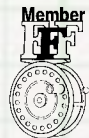


« Step 3

This is where you will find out how good of a job you did tying in the super floss. Stretch it tight and begin wrapping it up the hook. As you go release some of the tension you create a nicely tapered body. Tie it off behind the bead and trim off the excess. Now take you copper wire and wind forward to segment the body. Tie off behind the bead and trim. Take a few wraps with your thread to cover the end of the wire and whip finish. Coat the entire fly except the bead with Soft Body Thin. This will give it added durability and will imitate the shiny appearance of the Chironomid as it makes its way to the surface. I like to put the fly on a drying wheel after applying the Soft Body.

Step 4

Go fishing and catch some fish with your new Bead Head Chironomid!
Be sure to try other color combinations as well!



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