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Firebug™
PREMIUM BEADHEAD MIDGE

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HEAD**
CERTIFIED FLY PROGRAM

The Firebug™ midge is an improved “Zebra style” beadhead midge fly pattern that can be tied in a variety of different natural and attractor color options giving you choice for any fishing situation. This proven fish catcher is the perfect point fly for multi-nymph and dropper rigs and should be a standard pattern in every fly box.

The fly is simple and quick to tie and uses a minimum amount of materials. The various RealFlyColor™ anodized bead colors combined with matching body colors allow you to mimic the wide range of midge pupa colors found in nature such as black, red, tan, brown, cream, grey, green and various olive tones.

In addition to being highly effective on trout, you will find the Firebug bringing you success with crappie, bluegill and other warm water species.

MATERIALS

- Hook:** Daiichi 1130 or similar
Size #18 or #20
- Bead:** RealFlyColor™ 2.0mm
(5/64") Mayfly Brown
- Thread:** Uni 8/0 - Brown
- Body:** Uni Floss Golden Brown
- Ribbing:** UltraWire X-Small Copper

Note:

There are 12 defined color combinations in the Firebug™ range. Change the colors of materials as necessary.

TYING THE FLY

Step 1: Put the bead on the hook and secure the hook in the vise.

Step 2: Start the thread directly behind the bead and wrap to the end of the hook. Use tight, even wraps, but try not to overlap them. Your goal should be to create an under body that is as smooth as possible.

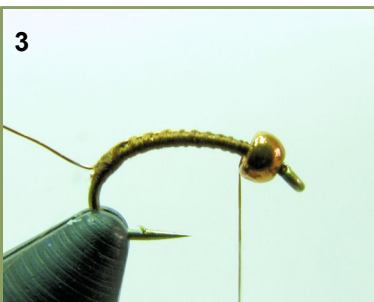
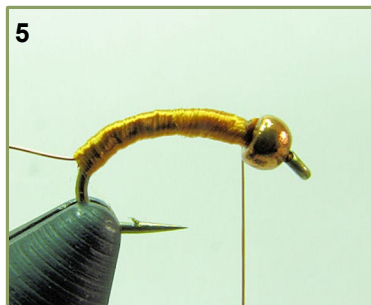
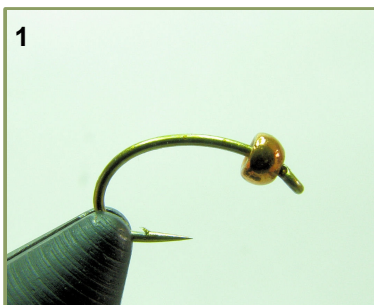
Step 3: Tie in the wire and secure on top of the hook with tight thread wraps all the way to the starting point directly behind the bead.

Step 4: Tie in the Uni Floss and secure on top of the hook with thread wraps to the back of the hook. Wrap back your thread to the starting point behind the bead.

Step 5: Wrap the Uni Floss forward to create a smooth, slightly tapered body. Tie off and trim the floss behind the bead.

Step 6: Wrap the wire forward to create a neat segmented body. This should be done using six or seven turns of the wire. Tie off the wire behind the bead.

Step 7: Create a neat collar behind the bead using several wraps of thread. Whip finish, cut the thread and complete the fly with a small spot of head cement or “Hard-as-Nails” to seal the thread wraps..



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Additional Tying Notes:

The Firebug™ is a small fly and it is very easy to add too much bulk to the fly. It takes some practice, but strive to use the fewest possible number of wraps to achieve a slim tapered midge body.

Fly Variations:

RED – Bloodworm Red bead, red body & silver wire.
RUBY – Bloodworm Red bead, wine body & silver wire.
BLACK – Stonefly Black bead, black body & silver wire
BROWN – Mayfly Brown bead, brown body & copper wire.
TAN – Mayfly Brown bead, golden body and copper wire.
PINK – Shrimp Pink bead, grey/pink body & wine wire.
BLACK & BLUE – Steelhead Blue bead, black body & silver wire.
BLUE – Steelhead Blue bead, silver doctor blue body & blue wire.
ORANGE – Tangerine Orange bead, burnt orange body & wine wire.
GOLD – Stonefly Gold bead, yellow body & black wire.
OLIVE – Baetis Green-Olive bead, olive body & black wire.
CHARTREUSE – Caddis Green bead, light green body & chartreuse wire



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