



“DAMSEFLY NYMPH”

February 2008 Fly of the Month

Tied and photographed
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MATERIALS

HOOK: Tiemco 200R or Similar Hook

THREAD: Olive 6/0.

EYES: Melted 12-pound test Mason hard monofilament or similar mono eyes.

TAIL: Olive Marabou.

RIB: 4X Tippet Material.

SHELLBACK: Olive Medallion Sheeting.

ABDOMEN: Olive Dubbing

LEGS: Mallard Flank Dyed Olive

HEAD/THORAX: Olive Dubbing.

This “Damsselfly Nymph” is an adaptation of one tied by John S. Barr and appears in his new book *Barr Flies*.

This fly can be very productive when fished for trout during a damselfly hatch on still waters. It also works on pan fish and bass.

Tying Instructions

1. **(Photo 1)** Tie in the thread behind the eye of the hook and wrap back to cover the front 1/3 of the shank. Tie in the mono eyes approximately three eye lengths behind the eye of the hook as shown in Photo #1. Continue to wrap the thread to the bend of the hook.



2. **(Photo 2)** Tie in a small amount of olive marabou at the bend to form the tail as shown in Photo #2. Tie the marabou down by wrapping the thread forward to just behind the mono eyes and trim the butt ends.



3. **(Photo 3)** With the thread just behind the mono eyes, tie in a 6-8 inch piece of 4X tippet material and wrap back over the tippet to the bend of the hook. Next tie in a piece of olive Medallion Sheeting, width equal to the hook gap and approximately 2 inches long. With the thread at the bend of the hook, dub with olive dubbing forward to just behind the mono eyes forming the abdomen as shown in Photo #3.



4. **(Photo 4)** To form the legs, tie in a small amount of olive mallard flank fibers on both sides of the shank just behind the mono eyes. The mallard flank tips should extend to the hook point and the butt ends trimmed as shown in photo #4.



5. **(Photo 5)** With olive dubbing, dub from the abdomen forward over and around the mono eyes to form the thorax and head. Next, pull the Medallion Sheeting forward to a point just behind the eye of the hook and tie in as shown in Photo #5.



6. **(Photo 6)** Rib the tippet material forward, using fairly close evenly spaced wraps, to a point just behind the legs. The next wrap should divide the thorax/head area just in front of the legs. Tie off the tippet just behind the eye of the hook. See Photo #6.



7. **(Photo 7)** You are finished!



PHOTO # 7

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