



“Micro-Leech”

December 2009 Fly of the Month

Tied and photographed
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At the NCC/FFF Conclave in October, Mr. Morris Fruitman, Pro-Team and Staff for J. Fair Products and Daiichi Hooks, demonstrated his version of the “Micro-Leech.” I really liked this pattern and Mr. Fruitman kindly consented to my using his pattern for a Fly of the Month. He fishes this pattern deep, using a sinking line and a tungsten bead head and stripping short and very slowly. This is a pretty easy fly to tie and can be tied in a variety of colors - brown, olive, purple, black, white, etc. The only “difficult” part of tying this fly is having marabou long enough to wind over the hook shank clear to the bead. A little experimentation will get you the right length.

Tying Instructions

MATERIALS

HOOK: Daiichi #1710, size 12, (I used TMC 5263).

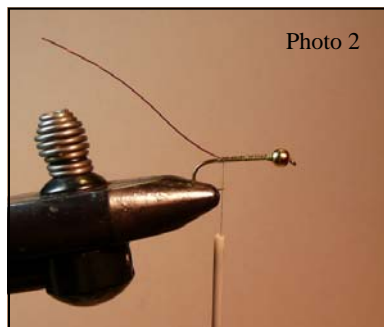
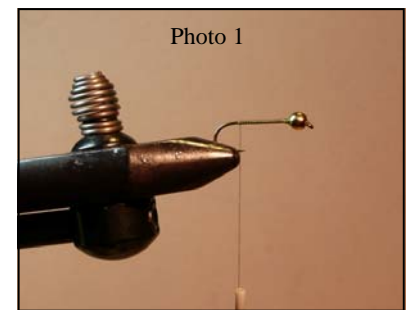
BEAD HEAD: Brass or Silver Tungsten, 1/8 inch

RIB: Red or Silver Wire

TAIL/ BODY: Marabou tail, wind balance over hook shank to form the body.

HACKLE: Color to match marabou Hackle should have short fibers.

1. **(Photo 1)** Place the bead on a de-barbed hook, secure in tying vise and lay a thread foundation over the shank. A drop of Super Glue under the bead helps keep it firmly in place..



2. **(Photo 2)** Attach a short length of wire on the hook just where the shank starts to bend. Bend the tag end to the side, out of the way.



3. **(Photo 3)** Select 20 - 25 long marabou fibers from a plume and attach to the shank where the wire is affixed. The tail should be about the body length. **DO NOT CUT THE MARABOU** as the remainder will be wrapped over the shank to form the body. Pinch off the “spiky” ends of the marabou and even up the tail.

4. **(Photo 4)** Twist the shank of marabou with the thread to give it a bit more strength. Wrap this “rope” of marabou along the shank up to the bead and tie off. Trim off excess marabou.





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5. **(Photo 5)** Counter-wrap the wire over the body and tie off behind the bead. The body can now be teased out a bit, if needed

6. **(Photo 6)** Attach the hackle behind the bead and wrap 3 or 4 times and tie off. Whip finish, apply head cement and you are done

You're done!

