

# KEVIN'S RED-EYE MIDGE \*

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*"Tip: When tying midges and micro flies, I personally like to do final trimming of wings, wing pads, gills, tails, and etc. pretty much after I have totally completed the fly. I will cut materials to keep out of the way as I am tying, but not at its finished length. You can get a better balance of the fly this way, the thorax especially can cover what you think you left long and somehow got gobbled up, almost disappears, making it appear too short for the balance of the fly. I recommend waiting to the end for finished trimming on these tiny flies."*



Hook: TMC 2487 Size 18–20

Thread: Black 8.0–14.0

Head Gills: Betts Z-Lon (White)

Head: Red Glass Bead (Small)

Tail: Krystal Flash Pearl

Rib: Silver Wire (Fine)

Abdomen: Black Thread

Emergent Wing: Betts Z-Lon (White)

Thorax/Collar: Black Dubbing:

i.e., Antron Dubbing or Awesome Possum,

Black Hare's Ear, Ice UV Black, Arizona Synthetic Peacock  
Black

1. Slip Red Bead Head on hook and let slide to bend of hook.
2. Tie on Black thread about 1/8" from hook eye.
3. Tie in about 1/2 portion of Z-Lon – Leave a bit longer than eye of hook. Whip finish. Cut thread. Trim Head Bill about 1/8 + " past eye.
4. Push red bead over the tied down Z-Lon to front of eye.
5. Tie in black thread behind the Red BH. Wrap thread side by side, evenly, and cover entire hook shank to bend of hook. Stop just above the barb, maybe a couple of wraps past.
6. Tie in two (2) pieces of Krystal Flash at tail ... Trim about 1/32+ " in length . . . Like a tuft.
7. Tie in Silver wire at tail.
8. Wrap the black threaded abdomen forward all the way to back of Red BH. You want a nice tapered body, small at tail and gradually enlarge towards back of head (slightly larger in the thorax region).
9. Wrap silver ribbing approximately 5–6 turns forward towards back of red BH (4–5 segments should be exposed after fly is complete).
10. At back of red BH, tie in about 1/2 portion of Z-Lon for the wing—Trim excess Z-Lon by the BH and securely wrap wing in the thorax region. In fact this will help build up thread base before you dub the thorax. Z-Lon wing is longer. Wait before you trim wing. Finish thorax first .. Then trim about 3/4 length from back of bead.
11. Thorax is robust, like an ArrrrrrroIIIIId. Tie in dubbing, make neat, compact and slightly large. When completed the thorax looks like the wing pads are screaming to burst free any second.
12. Whip finish behind Red BH
13. Pick out a bit of thorax. Has a slightly buggy thorax.