

Fly of the Month, May – Bead Head Sparkle Nymph

Hook: Mustad 7948A. Size #10 Use any standard shank wet fly hook size 8-14

Thread: Larva Lace Ultra Fine Nylon thread. Use any fine and clear mono.

Bead: 1/8" gold pre-drilled bead. Substitute brass beads

Tail: Crystal Flash - Pearl color

Body: Crystal Flash - Pearl color

Thorax: Ice Dub - Chartreuse color

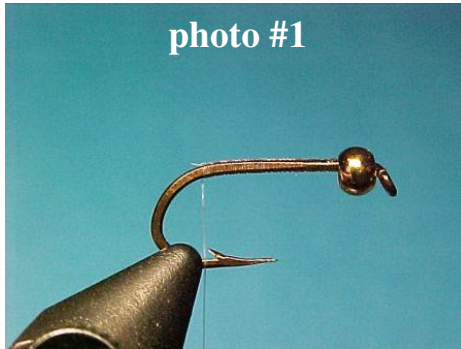


Photo # 1 Install the bead on the hook and slide it up to the hook eye. Start your thread on the hook shank in an even layer from the eye to the bend.



Photo # 2 Select 4 strands of the Crystal Flash and tie in a tail to extend out beyond the bend by about 1/2 of the length of the hook shank. Do not trim off the excess. Bring the thread up to the bead.



Photo # 3 Take the excess Crystal Flash and wrap the hook shank up to the eye in an even layer. Leave the excess facing the top of the hook when you tie it in. Do not cut off the excess.



Photo # 4 Dub in a fine head of the Ice Dub just behind the bead. Place about 6 wraps behind the excess Crystal Flash, and then about 3 wraps in front "over the top" of the excess Crystal Flash to lay it backwards.

Photo # 5 Trim off the excess Crystal Flash to a length of the hook shank at the bend. Trim the length of the tail if needed. Completed fly.

This is a fast sinking attractor nymph pattern for steelhead or trout. Bluegill will love it also while fished under an indicator in a pond.

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