

Mini Minnow

I love simple effective flies but I hate 20 names for them just because the thread is a different colour or the body is a different material.

So here is a simple pattern that can have all the materials altered and remain basically the same fly. (but if you want to call it a w**ily b*gg*r with out hackle feel free J)

I am using a #6 1x Nymph hook
Wind on the thread



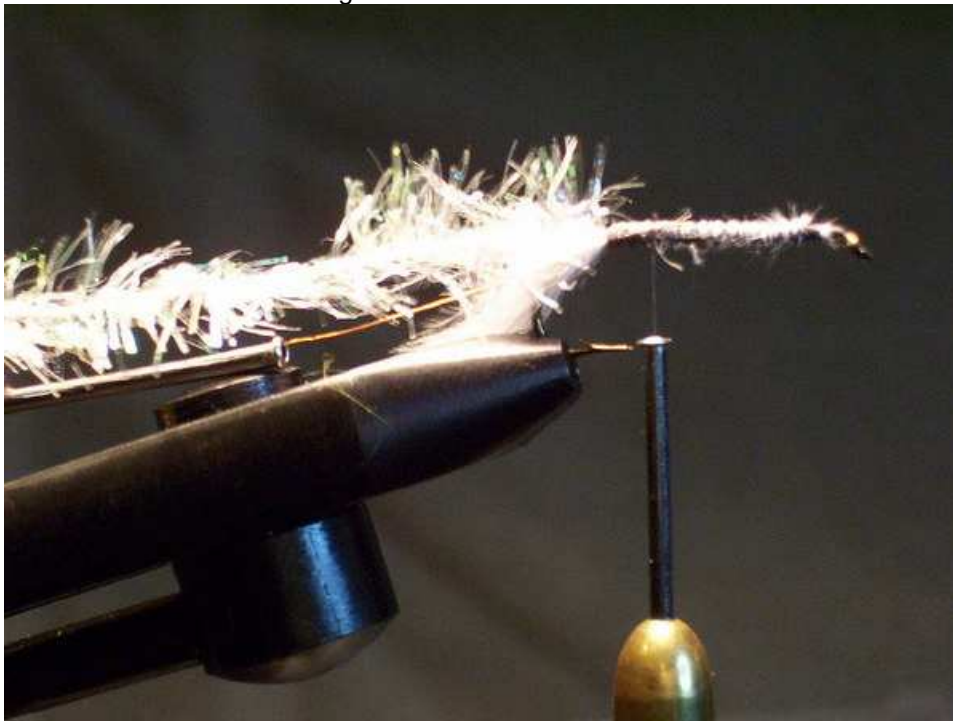
Tie in your tail material in this case I am using fluff from white saddle hackle.



Tie in some copper wire for ribbing



Tie in your Body material It can be chenille, cross cut rabbit, dubbing loop or what ever your heart wants. In this case I am using White Estaz.



Wind forward the thread and tie in the bead chain eyes with figure 8 wraps



Wind forward the material all the way then 2 thirds of the way back and then forward again. You are trying to create a conical minnow shape. When you get to the eyes do a cross or punch wrap around them (depending on the eyes size, the fly size and material width)
At this point I realized that the estaz was too big for a #6 😊



Bring forward the ribbing



Tie off I also clipped the Estaz to shape it better



But with chunky Chenille it works better. Someone thought the brown made it look like a Gomphus. In black it looks snail like.





And dub looping some DD brown with stiff hackle fibers as a tail



Basically the same recipe creating a variety of results.