

How to Tie a Micro-Jig Fly

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According to Mary Rohrer, this fly is particularly attractive to fish in the rivers of Central Texas.

Materials:

Jig head hook, size 10
Thread, size 140 (color should match the fly)
Crystal flash
Rubber legs
Chenille

Technique:

1. Attach the thread behind the jig head with a jam knot.
2. Wrap the thread securely down the length of the hook to the midway point while holding the tag end of the thread.

Cut off the tag end of the thread. Then continue wrapping until the thread reaches the back end of the hook (where it starts to bend).

Tip: Angle wrap as you reach the area above the hook point to avoid snagging and breaking your thread.

3. Next, add the crystal flash for the tail.

To measure the flash, pinch it between your thumb and index finger; then lay it along the length of jig head hook. The tail should be shorter than the hook shank. Trim to the appropriate length.

While still holding the flash between your thumb and index finger, pull the thread bobbin toward you and center the flash material on top of the thread.

Fold the flash in half (away from you) over the thread and slide it up on top to the back end of the hook. Pinch wrap the flash into place with several wraps. Trim the flash ends so they are even.

4. Measure the chenille to a length that is at least one and one half times the length of the hook shank. Pull some of the chenille material away from one end to expose the central threads of the chenille.

Using four to five quick thread wraps, tie in the chenille above the hook end where the flash was attached.

Then wrap the thread to the center point (mid-body area) on the hook.

5. To tie in the legs, measure and cut two strips of rubber leg material to a length of approximately 2.5".

Fold the two rubber legs evenly over the thread using the same procedure you used to add the flash, then slide the legs up the thread to the top, center of the hook shank and attach with three quick wraps. The legs should be splayed (from the top of the hook, they will look like an X).

6. Wrap the thread up to just behind the jig head.

Next, securely wrap the chenille forward to the rear set of legs. Pulling back the rear legs, wrap the chenille once between the rear and front sets of legs.

Then pull the front set of legs back and make two to three more wraps with the chenille until you reach the jig head.

Hold the material up at a 45-degree angle with your right hand (right-handed tier) and make 2 to 3 wraps of thread with your left hand on the bobbin. Snip the chenille close to the jig head (without cutting your thread!).

Whip finish the thread to secure the wraps and adjust the legs.

Tip: Don't leave the legs so long that they can foul around your hook tip and lose their action. If you need to trim the legs, hold all four up and trim them evenly. Then pull them back down along the sides of the fly and readjust them.

