

MINI BUGGER



Recipe

Hook.....Wet, size 12 - 16

Thread.....Black 8/0

Weight.....Lead wire, size .10 (Optional)

Tail.....Marabou, color of choice

Body.....Palmered Ostrich Herl, color of choice

Head.....Thread

1. Flatten the barb on the hook and put it in your vise. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back to the start of the hook bend, laying down a good thread base. **(If the fly is to be weighted, make 4-6 wraps of lead wire in the center of the hook shank, then tie-in the thread and build a thread ramp at the front and back of the lead wire, covering the lead with thread for a smooth body, then wrap the thread back to the hook bend.)**
2. Select a marabou plume and remove the barbs from one side to use as a tail. **(The tail should be slightly longer than the hook shank.)** Using a pinch loop, tie in the barbs and then bind down the butts to a point about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Trim off any excess butts. **(If the fly is weighted, bind down the butts to the rear of the lead wraps, then trim off the excess butts.)** Wrap the thread back to the tail tie-in point, making sure to keep the wraps touching so that a smooth underbody is formed.
3. Select an ostrich herl and preen the barbs backward so that they are standing up. Tie the herl in directly in front of the tail. **(To avoid creating a “bump” at the rear of the body, tie the herl in on top of the hook shank, then make the first wrap under the hook shank, then wrap over the top of the hook shank.)** Wrap the herl in tight, touching turns up the hook shank to right behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess herl.. **(Be sure to preen the herl barbs backward with each wrap to avoid tying down any barbs.)** If one herl is insufficient for the body, tie the first herl off and remove any excess, then tie in a second herl tight against first one and complete the body.
4. Form a neat small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.