

ZEBRA MIDGELING



Recipe

Hook.....Scud, size 12-28
Bead.....Silver
Thread.....Brown 8/0
Tail.....Pearl Krystal Flash
Rib.....Fine Silver Wire
Underbody...Pearl Krystal Flash
Body.....Brown/Red/Olive Midge Tubing
Wing Case...Pearl Krystal Flash
Collar.....Brown/Red/Olive Ostrich Herl

1. Place the bead on the hook, then tie-in the thread behind the bead and wrap it back four or five wraps behind the bead. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a sparse bunch of Krystal Flash and tie it in by one end slightly behind (approximately 1/8th “) the bead. Keeping the flash on top of the hook, wrap over it with thread wraps to a point just past the hook bend. The remaining flash should be slanting downward. Trim this remaining flash to create a tail that is about 1/2 the hook gap in length. Return the thread to behind the bead.

Note: You will be tying additional wire, tubing, and more flash in behind the bead. All should be tied in at the same spot approximately 1/8” behind the bead.

3. Cut a 4-5” piece of fine silver wire as a rib. Tie it in behind the bead with 3-4 tight thread wraps, then, keeping the wire on top of the hook shank, wrap over it with the thread back to where the thread wraps for the flash stop. Return the thread to slightly behind the bead.

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4. Cut a 5-6" piece of tubing and tie it by one end slightly behind the bead, then, keeping the tubing on top of the hook shank, wrap thread over it back to the same point where you stopped for the flash and rib. Wrap the thread back to slightly behind the bead and let it hang.
5. Tie in 3-4 strands of Krystal flash by one end slightly behind the bead and, keeping them on top of the hook shank, wrap over them back to the same point as where you stopped for the flash, wire, and tubing. Return the thread to slightly behind the bead.
6. Grasp the remaining Krystal Flash strands and wrap them together back up the hook shank to slightly behind the bead. Remove and excess flash.
7. Grasp the length of the tubing and, stretching it tightly, wrap it in tight touching turns back to slightly behind the bead and tie it off. Remove any excess tubing.
8. Now grasp the wire ribbing and wrap it forward in evenly spaced turns to slightly behind the bead. Tie it off and remove any excess ribbing.
9. Cut 3-4 strands of Krystal Flash and tie-in one end of the strands tight against the front of tubing body, then bend the remaining strands back over on themselves forming a "loop" wing case that is the length of approximately 1/2 the body. Once the loop is the right size, tie off the flash and trim away any excess.
10. Select 2-3 ostrich herls and tie them in tight against the base of the loop wing case. Twist them together loosely with the thread to form a herl "rope". Wrap this "rope" for 2-4 wraps behind the bead to hide all the previous thread wraps behind the bead and then tie it off. Unwrap and remove any excess herl from the thread and remove it.
11. Tie a whip finish tight behind the bead, cut the thread, and apply head cement sparingly over the whip finish, if desired. Avoid getting any cement on the ostrich herl.