EZ STONEFLY NYMPH



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph, long shank, size 8-12

Bead......Gold, Copper, or Black to match hook size

Thread....Brown or Black, 6/0 or 8/0

Tail......Goose biots, color to match body

Body......Burnt orange, Chocolate brown, or Hare's Ear SLF Prism dubbing

Legs......Tarantula or Centipede legs, color of your choice

- 1. Place the bead on the hook and put the hook in the vise. Attach the thread slightly behind the bead and wrap a tight thread base back to the bend of the hook.
- 2. Select two matched biots from the quill (Pull two that are right next to each other to assure they are the same length and width). Place the biots back to back so that they curve away from each other and even their tips. Measure the biots against the hook shank so they are equal to one-half the hook shank length. Place the biots at the hook bend with one on each side of the hook shank and tie them in with 2-3 wraps of thread. (Pull straight down on the thread and thread torque will pull the biots into the correct position on top of the hook shank.) Wrap forward (with flattened thread) over the butt ends of the biots for eight or nine wraps, then reverse direction and wrap the thread back to the biot tie-in point. Trim off the excess biot butts.
- Apply dubbing to the thread and form a dubbing loop. Wrap the completed loop forward in tight touching wraps to right behind the bead and tie it off. Be sure to cover the tail thread wraps. Remove any excess loop.
- 4. Cut two bunches of four strands of legging material, each about 1"-2" long, and tie-in one bunch by its middle on each side of the hook shank right behind the bead as legs.
- 5. Do a whip finish right behind the bead and cut the thread. (It may be advisable to do two whip finishes for durability.) Cut the thread.
- 6. Remove the fly from the vise and trim the legs so that each leg is approximately the length of half of the hook shank.

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