

# ZEBRA MIDGE



**Recipe** (popular variations include black with a purple body and green)

**Hook** ..... size 16-22 2X short emerger hook

**Bead** ..... Silver Brass or Tungsten Bead matched to hook size

**Thread** ... UTC 70 or UNI 8/0 (red, black, purple, olive)

**Rib** ..... Small Silver Wire

1. Place bead on hook with slot or large hole facing the hook point and place in vise.
2. Start thread behind the bead and trim the tag end.
3. Wrap thread in close touching wraps (flatten thread if possible) down to the hook bend and back forward behind the bead.
4. Cut a 4-inch piece of wire and place one end inside the bead. Take thread wraps over the wire to bind it to the hook.
5. Wrap over the wire backwards to the hook bend.
6. Unwind thread, form a tapered body with the thread, keep it even and smooth.
7. Return the thread to behind the bead.
8. Wrap the wire forward in open spirals until you reach the bead.
9. Take wraps on top of the wire, pull the wire back and wrap in front of it.
10. Helicopter or trim the excess free.
11. Build a small thread collar and whip finish.