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### Bead Head Chironomid



**Hook:** 14-10 TMC 2457 Scud Hooks

**Thread:** 8/0 black thread

**Body:** Black super floss

**Rib:** Thin silver, gold, or copper wire

**Thorax:** Peacock herl

**Head:** Drilled Taper Copper or Black bead

**Gills:** White Z-lon

**Note:** Can be tied in many colors such as black, olive, maroon, brown, lime, red, tan, and even orange. Bead head, helps you get to the desired depth, quickly.

### Tying Instructions:

- Before placing fly in your vice, pinch barb, and slide bead on to the hook and up to the eye of hook. Make sure the the side of the bead with the larger hole is facing the eye of the hook.
- Place hook in vice, and push the bead back. Secure thread just before the eye of the hook. Tie in Z-lon at the eye of the hook, extending out over the eye of the hook. Next trim the Z-lon to desired length, whip finish and trim your thread, and slide bead head up to eye of hook.
- Re-attach thread, on other side of the hook and tie in one strand of superfloss and one strand of thin wire near the end of hook where the body of the fly should begin.
- Wrap the superfloss along the shank of the hook. Make the wraps as tight as possible with a slight taper.
- Tie off superfloss, just before the bead and then wrap the wire ribbing over the superfloss, try to keep spaces between wraps even.
- Tie in a strand of peacock herl just before the bead head, make 2 or 3 wraps. Secure with thread, trim peacock herl, and whip finish.





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### Bloodworm



**Hook:** 14-10, 2X

**Thread:** 8/0 red

**Tail:** 2 short strands of red super floss

**Body:** Red super floss or red acetate floss

**Rib:** Silver wire or pearl flashabou

**Note:** Most common color is red or maroon, but brown and even green larva can be found as well. So you may want to have a couple of these in different colors, just in case.

### Tying Instructions:

- Tie in 2 strands of superfloss at hook bend. Lay the superfloss in an X like fashion so that they will form a V.
- Trim the 2 strands, short.
- Tie in superfloss, keeping thread wraps tight and to a minimum to prevent bulk.
- Tie in thin silver wire for ribbing.
- Wrap superfloss forward tightly. Tie off the superfloss at the eye of the hook.
- Wrap silver wire forward, try to keep segmentation even between wraps. Tie in ribbing at eye of hook, trim excess, whip finish, and head cement.





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### Chan's Chironomid



**Hook:** Mustad 9671 size 16-6  
**Thread:** 6/0 Brown  
**Tail:** Guinea hackle fibers  
**Rib:** Fine gold wire  
**Body:** Pheasant tail fibers  
**Thorax:** Peacock herl  
**Gills:** White ostrich herl  
**Wingcase:** Mottled turkey wing quill

### Tying Instructions:

- Tie in guinea fibers short, as tail.
- Tie in a few strands of pheasant tail and fine gold wire.
- Wrap pheasant tail forward 3/4 of the way up the hook shank, secure with thread and trim.
- Wrap gold wire forward over pheasant tail and secure with thread and trim.
- Tie in turkey wing with tips extending back over body.
- Tie in 1 strand of peacock herl and make 2 or 3 wraps then secure with thread and trim.
- Tie in one strand of white ostrich herl, and make 2 wraps and secure with thread and trim.
- Pull turkey wing quill forward over peacock and ostrich herl, and secure with thread.





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### Chironomid Pupa



**Hook:** 16-8 Tiemco TMC 2312 Emerger

**Thread:** 8/0 Black

**Body:** Black super floss

**Rib:** Thin silver, gold, or copper wire

**Thorax:** 2 strands of Peacock herl

**Gills:** 2 wraps of white ostrich herl

**Note:** Can be tied in many colors such as black, olive, maroon, brown, lime, red, tan, and even orange.

### Tying Instructions:

- Tie in one strand of superfloss near the end of the hook, where the body of the fly should begin.
- Then tie in your thin wire ribbing.
- Wrap the superfloss along the shank of the hook. Make the wraps as tight as possible with a slight taper.
- Tie off superfloss, about 1/4 or less from the eye of the hook.
- Then wrap your silver wire over the superfloss, try to keep the space between wraps as even as possible.
- The next step is to tie in 1 or 2 strands of peacock herl. Make 2-3 turns and then tie off, leaving enough room for the gills.
- Tie in one strand of white ostrich herl, and make approximately 2 wraps for gills.
- Tie off the ostrich herl, trim, and whip finish.





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### Flashabou Redbutt

**Hook:** TMC 2312 Emerger

**Thread:** 8/0 Black

**Butt:** Red crystal flash

**Body:** Black flashabou

**Rib:** Fine silver wire

**Thorax:** Peacock herl

**Gills:** Ostrich herl

### Tying Instructions:

- Tie in red crystal flash at bend of hook and make several wraps to form butt. Then secure with thread and trim.
- Tie in 3 or 4 strands of black flashabou and fine silver wire.
- Wrap black flashabou forward, secure with thread and trim, leaving enough room for thorax.
- Wrap silver wire forward, secure with thread, and trim.
- Tie in 1 or 2 strands of peacock herl and make 3 or 4 wraps then secure with thread and trim.
- Tie in one strand of peacock herl, then make 2 wraps, secure with thread and trim.
- Whip finish, and head cement.





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### Glass Bead Chironomid



**Hook:** 16-10 TMC 2457 Scud Hooks

**Thread:** 8/0 Black thread

**Body:** Black flashabou or super floss

**Rib:** Thin silver, gold, copper or red wire

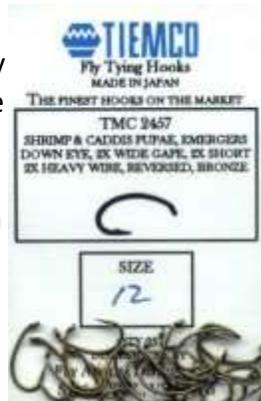
**Thorax:** Peacock herl

**Head:** Killer Caddis Glass Beads

**Note:** The Glass-Bead Chironomid can be tied in many different colors to match the naturals. Popular colors include black, olive, brown, maroon, red, lime green, tan, and orange.

### Tying Instructions:

Most chironomid patterns these days have some form of a bead head. This is because they help your fly sink down to the fishes zone more quickly. However, these glass beads may look great, they are light and don't help your fly get down. This is why I prefer to tie these flies with heavy wire shrimp/scud hooks, such as the TMC 2456 made by Tiemco (refer to picture). To represent chironomids larger than size 10 shrimp hooks, I recommend using emerger hooks in size 12 to size 8.



- First, pinch down barb so you can slide bead on to hook. Then slide the glass bead to the eye of your hook. Tie in thread behind eye, and build up thread behind bead to secure bead in place.
- Wrap thread back to where the body of the fly should begin. And tie in 3 strands of flashabou or one strand of super floss. Next tie in your ribbing, and wind thread up to the glass bead.
- Wrap floss forward to the glass bead, secure with thread, and trim. Next, wrap your ribbing forward to the bead, keep spaces between wraps evenly segmented. Secure ribbing with thread, and trim.
- The final step is to tie in a single strand of peacock herl just before the bead, to build up the thorax (wing-case) of the chironomid. Make 2 or 3 wraps with the peacock herl, then secure with thread and trim. Finally, whip finish, trim, and head cement.



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### Importance:

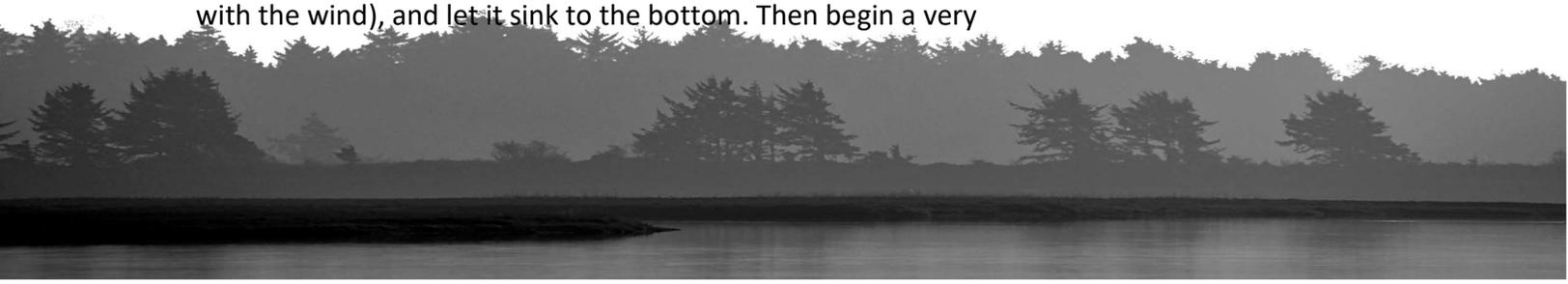


The Glass-Bead Chironomid represents a chironomid in its pupa stage. When the conditions are right, chironomid larva hatch into pupa which begin their slow ascent to the lakes surface where they will hatch in to adults. These slow moving worm like critters are easy pickings for the still-water trout. Trout will often cruise around a lake, selectively picking of dozens of chironomid pupa. Usually there are many different sizes and colors of chironomids hatching in a particular area at the same time, and trout will key in on a particular one. This is why it is important to carry a wide selection of chironomid pupa patterns, in various sizes and colors. Popular colors include black, olive, brown, maroon, red, lime green, tan, and orange.

Chironomids are usually the first sign of insect life after ice off. The first chironomid hatches of the year, are usually of a smaller size. The most intense chironomid hatches occur in late Spring, this is also when you will find the big "bomber" chironomids coming off in many of BC's interior lakes. However, Chironomid hatches occur from ice off in early Spring, until ice on in late Fall. Making them available to trout year round.

### Fishing Techniques:

The most popular method for fishing chironomid pupa is with a floating line and a long leader. First, determine the depth of water that you are fishing. This is most easily done by lowering your anchor. Mark your anchor rope in 5 foot intervals so you can have some idea of the water depth. Then place a strike indicator on your leader, approximately the same distance from your fly as the depth of water that you will be fishing. Cast your fly line out (preferably with the wind), and let it sink to the bottom. Then begin a very





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slow hand twist retrieve. This will imitate the chironomid pupa's rise to the surface.

Another method is with sinking lines. For this method a Type II or Type III sinking line is recommended. This technique is rather simple, cast your fly line out, about the same distance as the depth of water you are fishing. Let your line sink, until it is almost perpendicular with the water and then begin an extremely slow hand twist retrieve. If you drag up weed, cast a little shorter on your next attempt.





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### Red Butt



**Hook:** 16-10 Nymph  
**Thread:** 8/0 Black  
**Tag:** Bright red yarn  
**Body:** Pheasant tail  
**Rib:** Medium flat gold tinsel  
**Wingcase:** Pheasant tail  
**Thorax:** Peacock herl.  
**Gills:** White ostrich herl

### Tying Instructions:

- Tie in bright red yarn at bend of hook for tag. Make a few wraps then tie off.
- Tie in medium flat gold tinsel for ribbing.
- Tie in a few strands of pheasant tail and wrap them forward, 3/4 way up hook shank. Don't trim the excess butts from the pheasant tail body. The butt section will be used to form the wingcase.
- Wrap medium flat gold ribbing over the pheasant tail, and secure with thread.
- Pull pheasant tail butts back towards eye of hook. And tie in 2 strands of peacock herl, make 2 or 3 wraps and secure with thread..
- Tie in white ostrich herl and make approximately 2 wraps, then secure it with thread.
- Pull pheasant tail butts over the peacock herl and ostrich herl to form the wingcase. Tie the pheasant down with thread, trim off excess butts, whip finish, and head cement.





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### Snow Cone Chironomid



**Hook:** TMC 2312 or TMC 200R Size 14-10

**Thread:** 8/0 Black

**Body:** Black frostbite

**Rib:** Fine silver wire

**Hackle:** White plastic bead

### Tying Instructions:

- This is a very simple yet effective chironomid pupa pattern.
- Slide a white plastic bead on to the hook before placing in the vice
- Tie in frostbite and silver wire where the body of the fly should begin.
- Wrap frostbite forward, up to the white bead, then secure with thread, and trim.
- Wrap silver wire over body, try to keep segmentation between wraps even.
- Secure wire behind bead with thread, trim, whip finish, and head cement.
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### Stewies Crystal Chironomid

**Hook:** TMC 2487 size 14-10

**Thread:** 8/0 White

**Body:** Superfloss, most popular colors include black, shades of olive, shades of brown, and maroon

**Rib:** Silver wire on black and maroon, Gold wire on olive and brown bodies

**Thorax:** Peacock herl

**Gills:** White Z-lon

**Head:** #10 Crystal bead

### Tying Instructions:

- Slide the crystal bead on to the hook before placing in the fly vice. Then place the fly in the vice.
- Slide the bead to the eye of the hook, and make a thread base behind the bead, to secure it in place.
- Wrap the thread back and tie in superfloss and thin wire ribbing.
- Wrap thread forward followed by the superfloss and secure with thread about a beads length away from the bead.
- Wrap the ribbing forward, keeping segments as equal as possible. Secure with thread and trim.
- Tie in one strand of peacock herl and make 2 or 3 wraps, secure with thread and trim.
- Tie in white Z-lon with tips extending over top of glass bead about 1/8 of an inch, trim butts and whip finish.





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### Tunkwanamid

**Hook:** 16-8 Nymph  
**Thread:** 8/0 Black  
**Tag:** Silver Tinsel  
**Body:** Peacock herl  
**Rib:** Silver oval tinsel  
**Gills:** Gray or white ostrich herl

### Tying Instructions:

- Tie in silver ribbing, and make 2 or 3 wraps to form tag.
- Next, tie in 2 strands of peacock herl and wrap forward leaving about 2 hook eyes of space between peacock and eye of hook.
- Wrap ribbing over peacock herl, try to keep equal distance between wraps.
- Tie in one strand of ostrich herl to imitate the gills of the chironomid pupa, make 2 or 3 wraps then tie of, trim, whip finish, and head cement.

