

Mayhem Midge



The Mayhem is commonly used as a nymph or an emerger. Use it in the surface film where all the great frenzied action takes place or sink it as a nymph or dropper. Although called a midge, it is great for mayfly patterns. It can be tied in various colors, but olive and black seem to be the best.

Materials:

Hook: Dai-Riki 070 Size 16-20

Thread: Olive 8/0 (Or color of choice)

Rib: Small Gold Wire

Body: Thread color

Tail: Antron Yarn (Match body)

Thorax: Peacock Herl

Carapace: Razor Foam Gray

Legs: Grizzly Hackle

Tying Instructions:

- Mount the hook in the vise and start the thread one eye length behind the eye. Lay a thread base down to the bend.
- Select a few strands of antron yarn for the tail or schuck. Tie the yarn to the top of the hook starting at the bend and ending one-third of the way behind the eye.
- Start tying on the wire one-third of the way down the shank and continue to the bend.
- Form a body using the thread.
- Wind the wire forward to a point one-third of the way behind the eye. Note that we have been careful to not crowd the thorax area.
- Cut a piece of razor foam the width of the hook gap. Tie the razor foam in one eye length behind the eye and continue to the start of the body.
- Tie in a piece of peacock herl to form the thorax. Wrap the peacock herl towards the eye to cover half of the thorax area. Do not cut the peacock herl.
- Select a grizzly hackle and clip out the shank to form a "V" in the hackle. Pull back hackle until you have a few hackles on both sides of the stem.
- Lay the hackle on top of the hook with the hackle on both sides of the hook shank in the thorax area. With several soft turns tie the stem to the shank. Pull the hackle forward to select the correct length for the legs. Secure the legs with a few more tight wraps.
- Continue wrapping the peacock herl forward in front of the legs. Don't crowd the eye. Tie off the peacock herl and clip the excess.
- Pull the razor foam over the thorax and tie it off behind the eye. Clip the razor foam so that an eye length or more extends in front of the eye.
- Whip finish and apply head cement.

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