

Fly Pattern Sheet - Veiled Bead

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Hook: 3XL, natural bend, #10

Timeco R200 or similar

Thread: 70 Denier*, white

*You can use 210 Denier; you just have to be very careful and use a minimum of wraps.

Body: 6mm Bead, egg colored

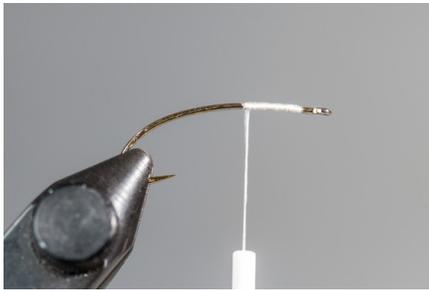
Veil: Glo-bug yarn, cream or yellow



Notes: This was my first "bead" fly and it pulls from the Veiled Egg pattern that I had been using for a few years.

The true inspiration came from a novice fly fisher who, during one of my rants about beads not being considered flies by the State of Alaska, asked "Why don't you just find a hook a bead will fit on?"

Duh...



Attach your thread onto the front half of the shank.

Two things are important about this hook. First, the eye is small enough to fit through a plastic egg bead. Second, it has enough length to overcome the diameter of the bead.



Cut a section of Glo-bug yarn about an inch long. Divide that in half.

Tie down the yarn on top of the shank, over your thread base, compressing it as much as possible.

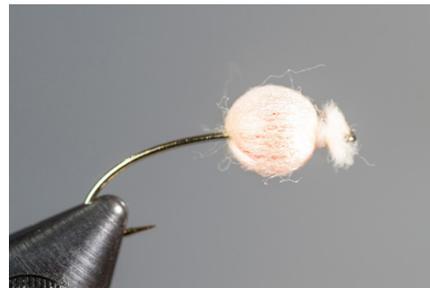


Push a bead* over the hook eye and over the yarn wraps. Leave about an eye width in front of the bead.

Holding the bead in place, bring your thread forward with a single wrap and half hitch in place.



Using a Velcro brush, separate, fluff, and distribute the yarn around the bead. Pull everything forward and secure with a few firm wraps directly in front of the bead.



Half hitch and whip finish. Cut the excess yarn as short as possible.

(Careful to leave a little in front of the wraps. Too short, and the yarn will pull out from the head while fishing.)

Trust me on this one.

The fly on the left is dry.

The fly below is wet, with a little back-light to show the translucency.



Personal Thoughts:

*I find that I need to sort through a bag of beads to find the ones that will fit over the hook eye. There seems to be some variance in the diameter of the holes, as well as the diameter of hook eyes. Welcome to our world.

I use the beads that don't fit for Select-a-Bead flies and Cluster Egg flies.

I have found that darker egg beads with light colored Glo-bug yarn seem to work best. But the world's the limit for variations.

Use caution when you hook a larger fish. This hook is not that strong, and is long enough to give a fish some leverage. Be careful not to push the limits of the metal.