

CH XMAS BUGGER [TIED BY SHIM HOGAN]

Buggers and leeches are very effective searching patterns to locate fish. They can help you quickly locate the fish when you first get to the lake or if the fish go off the bite. So keep a few handy in various colors and sizes they just might save the day for you.



TYING MATERIALS:

Hook: Larva Lace Premium Hook #700 - size 6
 Bead: LarvaLace Cone Head - Gold - Large
 Body: Larva Lace Angel Hair - Christmas Tree
 Tail: Larva Lace Angel Hair - Silver Holo
 Dubbing Loop: Larva Lace Dead Soft Copper - .008
 Thread: 6/0 - Black
 Head Cement: Soft Body - Thin

The materials used to tie this tie can be found at: www.unexcelledfishing.com



« Step 1

After putting the cone head on the hook, place it in the vise. Secure your thread right behind the CH and take several wraps to create a bump of thread that you can push into the CH to help hold it securely against the eye of the hook. This will reduce the "cone head wobble" you see with a lot of flies. Lay down a good base of thread along the shank of the hook to the bend. I usually stop at the point where my thread is just above the barb.



« Step 2

Select a small clump of Angel Hair for the tail and tie it in. The tail should extend roughly the width of the gap past the bend of the hook. It does not have to be exact but that is a good starting point.



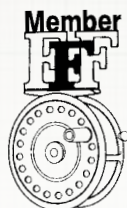
« Step 3

Cut a length of Dead Soft Copper Wire and double it over to make your dubbing loop. Tie it in with the loop even with the barb of the hook. Now cut some Christmas Tree Angel Hair into 3/4" pieces. you should have a small pile.



» Step 4

Spin the Angel Hair you have cut in the wire dubbing loop to make a dubbing brush which you will wrap just like you would chenille. As you are wrapping the dubbing brush up the hook, be sure to stroke the material back so it doesn't get buried and your fly will have a nice full profile. Finish it off at the cone head with a few wraps of thread to secure the wire, whip finish and apply the head cement. Now go fish your new fly!



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