



## ***Larva Lace Newsletter – Beadhead Chironomid January 2010***

Chironomids are one of the most abundant insects in North America. They are in nearly every body of freshwater in North America. Because the hatches are so large they are one of the most important insects in the food chain as far many species of fish are concerned. When fish are feeding on Chironomids they cruise through the clouds of emerging insects gulping huge mouths full. That is when you want to have a few of these ready to go in your fly box. The materials used to tie this can be found at <http://www.unexcelledfishing.com>

### ***Beadhead Chironomid – Tied By Shim Hogan***

#### **Tying Materials:**

**Hook:** Larva Lace Premium Hook #135 – Size 10

**Bead:** Hagen's Solid Brass Beads- Gold Size 1/8"

**Body:** Larva Lace Super Floss – Black Olive

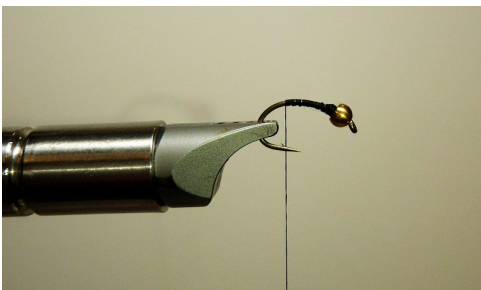
**Rib:** Larva Lace Dead Soft Copper Wire – Size .008

**Thread:** 6/0 – Black

**Head Cement:** Soft Body – Thin

***(Be sure to try other color combinations as well.)***

#### ***Step One***



Slip you bead onto the hook and place it in the vise. When you attach the thread to the hook make several wraps right behind the bead, enough to create a bump that you can push into the bead to keep it positioned against the hook eye. Then lay down a solid base of thread to help secure you materials. Wrap the thread back to the bend of the hook approximately in line with the barb.

## ***Step Two***



Tie in a piece Dead Soft Cooper wire followed by a piece of Super Floss.

## ***Step Three***



This is where you will find out how good a job you did tying in the Super Floss. Stretch it tight and begin wrapping it up the hook. As you go release some of the tension so you create a nicely tapered body. Tie it off behind the bead and trim off the excess. Next wrap the wire up the hook so it is spiraled creating the segmented rib. Tie it off and trim the excess, take a few wraps with the thread to cover the end of the wire and whip finish. Cut your thread and coat the entire fly except for the bead with Soft Body this will give it added durability and will imitate the shiny appearance of the Chironomid as it makes its way to the surface.

## ***Step Four***

***Go fishing and catch some fish with your new Beadhead Chironomid!!!!***

