

Murray's Helgramite

Hook: #4-#6 Mustad 9672, TMC 5263
Thread: 6/0 Black
Body: Black Chenille
Lead: .025
Tail: Black Ostrich Herl
Pinchers: Medium Black Rubber
Hackle: Black and Webby



Step 1: Wrap 10 to 15 turns of the lead and tie in 14 to 16 strands of the Ostrich Herl. Cut the herl approximately 2x the hook length.



Step 2: Tie a pair of black rubber pinchers behind the eye of the hook. Tie the chenille, then hackle at the back of the hook.



Step 3: Wrap the chenille forward and tie down.

This is a good pattern for smallmouth in the Northern Indiana Rivers. Fish it like you would a Woolly Bugger.



Step 4: Wrap the hackle forward and tie down. Add 2 to three turns of thread under the pinchers to raise. Separate the rubber pair to form a V. Apply head cement and go fishing.