

Chicago Leech

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Hook: Mustad 79580 size 8 - 12

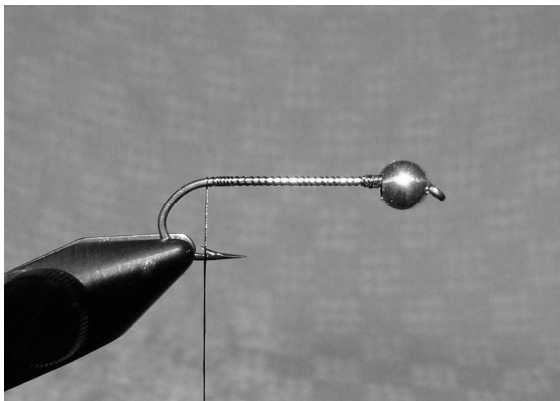
Bead: 3/16" Gold

Thread: Black 6-0 or 8-0

Tail: Black Marabou with chartreuse Krystal Flash

Body: Black Uni Mohair yarn

The Chicago Leech has become one of the favorite flies of several of our club members. It just always seems to produce fish. Bluegill, Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass, Trout, Crappie, are all unable to resist this fly. There are several variations of this pattern. Some use glass bead heads of different colors. Another favorite is using black peacock Ice Dub for the body and picking it out just like the mohair yarn.



1. Place bead on hook with lar-hole toward

bend of hook. Wrap thread back to the bend of the hook.



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2. Tie in a tail of black marabou with sparse strands of chartreuse Krystal Flash. I like to do it in 2 layers of each.



3. Tie in the end of the mohair yarn and wrap the body forward. As you get to the bead use your thumbnail to push yarn into the hole of the bead to keep it from slipping back the hook.



4. Whip finish behind the head. Then using a pop-sicle stick with a 3/4" length of the hook part of Velcro glued to one side, comb out the leech yarn or other body material in an up and back direction as shown. Think of the mane of a horse.