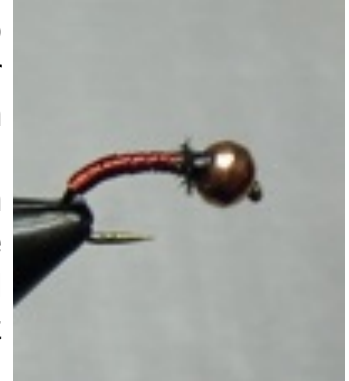


Bead Head Brassie

The Brassie is used to imitate midge larva. I think it also imitates caddis larva in the larger sizes. You can tie it with or without a bead head. Before I started using the San Juan Worm in the mid 1990s, this was my favorite “nymphing” pattern. It works year round and is always worth trying when nothing else seems to work. This pattern can be fished on the bottom with weight or just under the surface without weight. I like to fish it as a dropper tied on about 18” to 24” of tippet attached to the bend of my dry flies.



Recipe

Hook: TMC 2487 or equivalent, Sizes 14-20

Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0 for smaller sizes

Head: Copper Bead (optional)

Body: Copper Wire (Green or Red Wire are other optional colors)

Thorax: Peacock Herl or Gray Dubbing

Tying Instructions

1. Place hook in vise with optional copper bead head and wrap thread over shank from head to bend.
2. Tie in copper (or other color) wire at bend of hook and wrap thread forward to about 1/8” (1/16” for smaller sizes) from bead head or eye.
3. Wrap copper wire forward over thread to about 1/8” (1/16” for smaller sizes) from the bead head or eye so as to cover the thread, tie off with 3 wraps of thread and cut wire.
4. Tie on peacock herl with 3 wraps of thread, cut any excess peacock herl, and wrap tag end with a few more wraps of thread.
5. Wrap peacock herl forward 3 or 4 times, tie off with 3 wraps of thread, and cut excess peacock herl.
6. Wrap thread a few times over peacock herl tag, whip finish, and put a drop of head cement on whip finish as well as along the entire body (I do this because I’ve had several brassies come unraveled with use).

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