

Bob's Flashabou Nymph

Tied by Bob Haase



Hook: Mustad S82/3906B or TMC 3761 #16 & #18
Thread: 70 Denier Black or Olive
Body: Holographic Flashabou, Mirage Flashabou,
or Opal Tinsel.
Tail: Red Goose Biot
Bead: Gold Brass or Tungsten
Wings: Two White Goose Biots
Collar: Peacock Black Ice Dubbing or Peacock
Super Bright

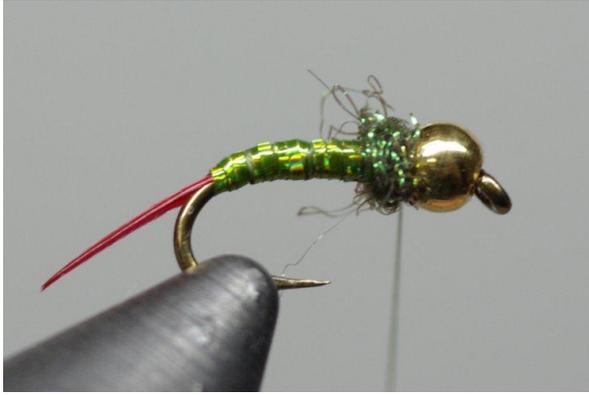
Sometimes we tie flies to realistically imitate a specific insect, and at other times the flies we tie don't really imitate anything specific. The Flashabou Nymph is one of those flies that does not imitate anything specific, but the fish don't seem to care. It has become my go-to nymph for fishing here in Wisconsin and in Western waters. Even in technical waters like Poindexter Slough in Montana, the fish took these when they declined to take anything else. I am not sure what makes this fly work so well, but tie some up and try them out.



Step 1 - Place the bead on the hook and wrap the thread to the bend of the hook. Tie in a single red goose biot as shown wrapping over the biot all the way to the bead.



Step 2 - Tie in a piece of flashabou or opal tinsel. I like using the mirage flashabou, or the holographic flashabou, or opal tinsel. Wrap the thread to the bead building up the thread slightly as shown. Try to keep the thread base as smooth or flat as possible.



Step 3 - Wrap the flashabou or tinsel to the bead and tie off. Then dub a collar using peacock black ice dubbing or peacock Super Bright. This will also serve to lay a base to tie in the white goose biots. Laying a base of dubbing like this makes it easier to tie the biots in.



Step 4 - Tie in two white goose biots as shown. This is similar to the way you might tie them in for a Prince Nymph. Then trim the biots and lightly dub over the biots.



Step 5 - Tie off by making a series of half hitches behind the bead and put a drop of head cement on at this point.

Note: If you tie off using a whip finish behind a bead head or on foam where it is compressed in one spot, the thread stacks in the same place and can come lose. I feel that a series of half hitch's makes a stronger knot in these situations.

Tie a few of these up and give them a try. If you get the same results with this fly as I have had, you will always want a few of these in your fly box.