

# SB Nymph

Tied by Bob Haase



Hook: Mustad C53S or TMC200 #6 - #14  
Thread: Black 140 Denier  
Body: Squirrel Dubbing  
Weight: 14 wraps of .020 Lead  
Ribbing: Ultra Wire Small or Brassie  
Tail: Ostrich Herl (Nat. Gray)  
Hackle: Emu Feather  
Back: Brown Woolly Bugger Chenille  
Eyes: Small Bead Chain

A while back I shared my EmuBugger pattern with Spencer Gore from Milwaukee. Spencer and I get together and tie once in a while and also tie together at the Milwaukee Sentinel Sport Show. Spencer tied the EmuBugger on a long curved nymph hook (TMC200R) rather than a streamer hook and used ostrich herl rather than grizzly chick-a-bou for the tail. He also used bead chain eyes rather than a bead. He said that this fly worked fantastic for him last year. I decided to modify it a little and used a piece of woolly bugger chenille over the back and drew the chenille down into the emu feathers with a piece of ultra wire. I also used other color eyes in addition to black. I also tie this using black bead chain eyes and also with olive woolly bugger chenille over the back. This fly is a collaboration of two tiers working together and sharing ideas and that is why I call it the "S" (Spencer) "B" (Bob) Nymph.



Step 1 - Add 12 to 14 wraps of lead wire or preferably lead free wire. Wrap over the lead wraps with thread and advance the thread just before the eye of the hook.



Step 2 - Tie in a pair of bead chain eyes in either black or another appropriate color. Place a few drops of super glue between eyes to help secure the eyes. Advance the thread to the bend of the hook as shown.



Step 3 - Tie in around 4 or 5 tips of ostrich herl as Shown. (Use the tips of the herl and the herl should extend about the length of the hook or a little less.



Step 4 - Tie in a piece of small or brassie size ultra wire in any color you desire. Then tie a piece of brown or olive wooly bugger chenille.



Step 5 - Tie in an appropriate size emu feather as shown.



Step 6 - Dub the body with squirrel dubbing. I use a blend of gray and fox squirrel with olive ice dubbing mixed in, but just squirrel dubbing will work just fine. Dub fairly heavily until just behind the eyes.



Step 7 - Palmer the emu feather over the squirrel dubbing leaving just a small space between each wrap. (Just enough space to slightly show the squirrel dubbing.)



Step 8 - Using your fingers and a velcro dubbing brush... push the emu feathers on the top to either side evenly and then bring the chenille over the top as shown and tie down just behind the eyes. Clip the chenille off.



Step 9 - Wrap the wire around the body being careful to work the wire between the fibers of the emu feathers and pulling down on the wire to pull the chenille into the emu feather. Tie off the wire just behind the eyes and clip the wire.



Completed Fly!

Warning: Turn your back to the stream when tying this fly on as this fly is rated "Extremely Fishy!"