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Reece's Fusion Nymph

Bob Reece is a junior-high science teacher from Cheyenne, Wyoming, who spends his summer guiding for North Park Anglers in Walden, Colorado. He created this nymph and ties it in a variety of colors and sizes for fishing throughout Colorado's South Platte river system. According to Bob, the advantage of nymphs with wire bodies is that they sink readily, are flashy, and have a segmented body. The disadvantage is that they are rigid and offer no movement or dimension. The advantage of a dubbed body nymph is that it is very buggy and lifelike. The disadvantage is they don't sink very well. This fly offers the advantages of both and none of the disadvantages.



Materials

- Hook: Your favorite Scud or Czech Nymph Hook Size 14
- Bead: Gold tungsten, 7/64.
- Weight: .015 Lead Wire
- Thread: Brown, 8/0 or 70-denier.
- Tail: Amber Krystal Flash.
- Body: Brassy Size Amber Ultra Wire.
- Underbody: Tan Ostrich Herl.
- Thorax: Peacock Ice Dub.
- Adhesive: Head cement.

Tying Steps

1. Add bead to hook and secure in vise.
2. Add 6-8 wraps of lead wire behind bead and shove up under bead.
3. Start thread behind the lead wire, wrap over lead to the bead and back to just behind lead wire.
4. Fold over the crystal flash and tie in behind lead. Use thread to wrap tail down to the hook shank back to a point adjacent to the hook barb (if it had one) and trim to about the length of the hook shank.
5. Tie in a section of the ultra wire and one piece of ostrich herl at the hook bend and tie down up to the lead wire.
6. Wrap the wire in touching turns up to the lead wire at the thorax.
7. Tie off with thread wraps and trim excess. Wrap the ostrich herl in between the wire wraps up the thorax. Tie off and trim the excess. Dub a collar/thorax of the peacock dubbing.
8. Whip finish thread and trim excess.

Try these in both lighter and darker colors and in different sizes. Ultra Wire comes in a rainbow of colors as does dyed ostrich herl. Mixing and matching colors also makes for some interesting combinations. I fish these #14s as my point fly and smaller sizes as the dropper. Since they could be just about any variety of aquatic bug, it works dead-drifted deep and then let swing up in the current at the end of the drift.

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