

MegaPrince Nymph

I don't know about you, but this time of year I'm about done with midges and eggs and looking forward to spring and more robust stream flows and more robust flies. This one, designed by fly designer, and shop owner Dan Delekta, the Mega Prince combines many great flies and materials. The end result is a mega-fish catcher. Most of our local rivers hold stoneflies, and if you travel to fish, stoneflies are a must-have fly just about everywhere.

This fly best mimics stonefly nymphs that are a staple food of local trout, especially in spring and early summer. It fishes especially well on the bigger rivers with a large population of stoneflies, but also works well on smaller streams tied in smaller sizes. It is typically dead-drifted underneath a strike indicator and trailed by a smaller dropper pattern.

Materials

- Hook: Dai-Riki 710 or Firehole Stick 839, sizes 6-10
- Bead: Tungsten Copper or Nickel Black bead (size appropriate)
- Weight: Lead or Lead-Free Wire
- Thread: 8/0 Veevus black
- Antenna/Legs: Crazy Legs barred golden yellow/pearl flake
- Head: Peacock Ice Dub
- Tail: Brown grizzly marabou and Crazy Legs barred golden yellow/pearl flake
- Body: Peacock Herl
- Rib: Medium copper wire
- Wing: White Goose or Turkey biots - depending on fly size
- Collar: Brown hen hackle or Hungarian partridge feather and Peacock Ice Dub

1. Tying Steps

1. Place bead on hook so that larger hole is facing eye of hook.
2. Push bead toward bend of hook and start thread behind eye.
3. Dub a small ball of Ice Dub, and attach two Sili Legs for antenna about the same length as hook shank.
4. Whip-finish and slide bead forward against antenna and head.
5. Add 8-10 wraps of lead wire to the shank and push up against the bead.
6. Secure with several wraps of thread and advance thread to hook bend.
7. Tie in marabou tail that is half the length of shank.
8. Attach two Sili Legs that are the full length of shank – one on each side of the hook.
9. Attach copper wire and several strands of peacock herl and advance thread to 2/3 point of shank.
10. Tie in a pair of legs with figure eight -each leg should be equal to length of shank.
11. Advance thread to just behind bead and wrap peacock herl to bead taking care to keep legs perpendicular at the thorax.
12. Counter-wrap copper wire, tie off, and trim excess.

13. Tie in and wrap hen or Hungarian partridge feather 1-2 full wraps.
14. Tie in two biots so tips form a V and extend to end of body.
15. Dub enough Ice Dub to cover thread wraps and create small collar.
16. Coat thread with cement , whip-finish and trim excess.

