

How to Tie a Nymph Fly

The following is a step-by-step photographic sequence of the tying of the Water Boatman Nymph

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Corixids are aquatic Hemiptera, better known as waterboatmans, this are a great source of food to the fish, this is my favorite pattern

Materials for Original Pattern

- Hook: Wet/nymph #12
- Thread: 17/0
- Body: Yellow Latex
- Shellback: Natural Latex colored
- Eyes: Burnt mono
- Legs: Hackle stems with the tip fibers left in place
- Thorax: Yellow dubbing
- Head: Yellow dubbing



Step #1

Attach thread and make a nice bed on the front of the hook and tie in the eyes with figure 8 wraps



Step #2

Cut a 1/8" Wide strip of natural latex and form a "V" on the tip and tie it in



Step #3

Cut a similar width yellow latex strip point to 45° and tie it in



Step #4

Attach some lead wire to build up the body and secure it



Step #5

Make a football shaped under body with yellow thread or floss



Step #6

Create the body with even wraps of the latex, make sure you cover half of the previous turn every time



Step #7

Attach the hackle stems for the legs, tie them exactly to the side of the body for a better finish



Step #8

Pull the natural latex to the front and tie it in just where you finished the abdominal segments



Step #9

Pull the latex back and dub the thorax, give it enough volume



Step #10

) Pull forward the natural latex again and tie it behind the eyes.



Step #11

Cover with dubbing the head area, with figure 8 turns



Step #12

Pull forward the rest of the latex, tie it down and trim excess



Step #13

Whip finish, paint the shellback and the water boat man is ready to swim!!!!!!

Very tight lines!!!!!!!

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