

The Thin Mint Bugger

Materials

Hook:	Streamer hook size 6 or 8
Thread:	Brown
Bead:	Size 3/32 gold or copper tungsten
Weight:	.025 lead alternative wrap
Ribbing:	Small copper wire
Tail:	Rainbow Flashabou
Body:	Peacock hurl
Hackle:	Brown bugger hackle

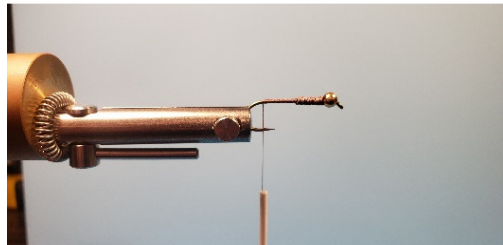


This fly is great for trout, large and smallmouth bass, walleye, and brim(sunfish where I come from). It fishes well as a streamer with a slow or fast retrieve. Strip strike works best. The fly is a fairly easy tie and should produce some great results on the water.

Tying Steps

1. De-barb the hook using your vice. Add your bead, small hole first and secure it in the vise.
2. Start the thread behind the bead with a small build up to hold the bead in place, then lay a thin thread base down the hook shank and take a few wraps rearward before snipping the tag end off.

3. Start by wrapping the .025 lead 1/2 to 1/3 the length of the shank back from the eye, then wrap forward to the bead. Secure the lead with numerous thread wraps to hold the lead in place. Return thread to bend of hook.



4. Tie in a clump of rainbow Flashabou for a tail. Start the ends behind the lead wraps. This will help build up the body. Tie in an 8" piece of thin copper wire. Start behind the lead wraps. Tie in a clump of peacock hurl, again, starting behind the lead wraps.



5. With the thread at the tie in location, wrap the peacock hurl forward to the bead. Tie off. Prepare and tie in a brown bugger hackle. Tie off thread and move bobbin out of the way.



6. Use one or two wraps of the hackle behind the bead, then wrap back to the tail of the fly. Tie off the hackle with one or two wraps of the copper wire and wrap the wire forward to the bead. Wrap the wire the opposite direction of the hackle to help hold it in place. Tie off wire, fold back, tie in and remove excess.
7. Whip finish or half hitch finish the thread and Voila! You are now ready to fish.