

The EZ-Bullet Head

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Hook: 1260 Daiichi size 12-6
Body: Spirit River Brite Blend
(color to match the hatch)
Head/Wing: Elk or Deer Hair, Natural
Flash: Pearl mirror flash
Foam Patch: white closed cell foam
Legs: Pheasant Tail Fibers
Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 to match the hatch

Now, I usually don't like to use a fly that I have designed for the fly of the month, but I almost feel guilty not sharing this one. I call it the EZ bullet Head. It is a stonefly/hopper pattern that I use from March, all the way through September. This fly meets my 3 requirements that I look for in a fly; it's easy to tie, it looks good, and it works.

The most important part of the fly is the shape of the body. Use the direct application method when dubbing this fly and add a little bit at a time to build up a tapered body profile. Only make the body about 2/3 of the shank length as you will need room for the head.

After tying in a few pieces of flash, tie in the wing with the tips pointing toward the eye of the hook. After a few tight wraps, snip the butts close to the wraps (but not too close!). Now you can fold the wing back over and tie it down to form the head. I started using pheasant tail fibers for legs a while back because I ran out of rubber legs. I really like the looks of them and so do the fish. The only compromise is that you lose some durability.

Top the fly with a small square of closed cell foam, white is the easiest for me to see. I hate fishing dry flies that I cannot see. I fish these flies in various sizes and body colors, depending on what flies are on the water. You can also make a mini size as well and use it as a caddis pattern. Enjoy!

