

Fly of the Month: **Egg Sucking Leech** (for trout)

Hook: Diachii 1720 Size 6

Head: Red Plastic Bead

Body: Angora Goat w/ ice dubbing
or spirit river bright blend

Wing: Bunny Strip

Ribbing: med. Oval tinsel

Thread: Same color as the body

~ The Egg Sucking Leech has been around for a long time. It has been tied in many different ways, from matuka style, to zonker style, and even the simple wooley buggler with a pink head. They all share the same basic concept. Take a streamer and give it a big bright colored round head. This fly is very effective for multiple species of fish. It is especially useful in the fall for trout when they are on the hunt for stray salmon eggs. Here is my take on the fly.

Start with a straight shank streamer hook. In this case a size 6 Diachii 1720. By no means do you need to use this hook, it's just what I prefer. Now before you go crazy trying to figure out how to get that bead around the bend of the hook, there is a trick to it. Take a lighter and heat up the eye of the hook, after a few seconds it will be hot enough to slip your bead over it and past the eye. (Careful not to burn your fingers!) Next take your bodkin and clear out any plastic goo from the eye of the hook. Once your head is in place you can tie your thread on. The fly is basically a Matuka pattern done with a strip of bunny instead of saddle hackle.

Tie in your tinsel first and then dub your body. After you get the body the shape you want, you can tie in the bunny strip

near the head of the fly. Pull the strip across the fly and carefully wrap your tinsel up the fly, making sure not to fold down any of the bunny fur. After that secure the tinsel and whip finish.

It may be a good idea to add a few strips of lead free weight to the hook before you tie in the body, depending on how you want to fish it.



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