

FLY OF THE MONTH –*Charlie Cravens Jujubee Midge*



For most of my life I tied and fished the traditional fly patterns and they have served me well. In more recent years I have tied and fished more midge patterns. Charlie Cravens Jujubee Midge pattern is a very effective pattern and you should try some. I have been hesitant about including this pattern in our Fly of the Month because I felt the materials required may not be on everyone's tying table but they are available to you at your local fly shop. The material is inexpensive and you may want to tie-up different color combinations.

Other color combinations: Black/white, Brown/white, Red/white
Chartreuse/black, Navy/chartreuse

Recipe

Hook: Tiemco #2488 sizes #16-#22

Thread: Underbody 14/0 white, Thorax 8/0 black

Abdomen: Two strands of olive Super Hair and one strand of black

Wing Case: White Fluoro Fibre

Tying Instructions:

1. Crush down the hook barb and place the hook in your vise. Start the white thread about an eye length in back of the eye. Let the thread hang.
2. Take two strands olive and one strand of black of the Super Hair and stretch them slightly and trim the butt ends. Lay them across the hook shank.
3. Bring the thread up with a loop on the near side of the shank wrapping back over the three strands to about halfway down the bend. Take care to keep the three strands aligned side by side along the near side of the hook shank.
4. Wrap the thread back to the tie-in point keeping a smooth underbody of white thread. Let thread hang.
5. Bring all three strands up on the near side of the hook pulling directly up to align them perpendicular to your table top. Pull hard on the Super Hair so that they line up side by side. You may need to rock them back and forth slightly so the three strands line up side by side and not twisted at all.
6. Begin wrapping the three strands forward *take care to keep the strands to each other as you go.*
7. Wrap forward to the starting point (tie-in point) The the strands of with tight turns of thread. Clip excess Super Hair and whip finish the white thread.
8. Start the black 8/0 thread at the tie-in point overlapping the white thread.
9. Separate ten strands of the Fluoro Fibre and trim one end so the fibers are square at the end and tie-in at the front edge of the abdomen with two turns of thread. Pull the long end of the fibers rearward to the front end of the fibers just short of the thread wraps. Build a thorax of the black thread. Leave a little bare shank behind the eye.
10. Pull the Fluoro Fibre wing case forward over the thorax and tie down.
11. Pull half of the remaining wing case fibers rearward on the near side of the hook shank. Pull the other half of the fibers on the far side of the hook shank. The wings should now be lined up perfectly on each side of the thorax and build a small thread head and whip finish. and trim thread.
12. Trim the wings just slightly longer than the wing case.

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