

# Fort Worth Fly Fishers

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The first fly of 2019 is presented by Sharon Leissner. Sharon has had great success catching big trout with this streamer pattern as seen here:



I will let Sharon's words describe her success with the Lil Kim:

*"Floating down the river and stripping streamers from a drift boat is my favorite pastime. Whether it's hitting the bank and stripping the fly straight back to the boat or letting it run down the bank then swinging into the current, the Lil Kim catches fish! I first used this fly when I found it in a fly shop in southern Colorado and spent a couple days with it on the Conejos. It did a great job of moving and catching big fish. It looks so good in the water and has awesome movement, which, for me, is the most important characteristic of a streamer. I know some people prefer choosing size or color over movement, but I've had more success catching bigger fish with streamers based on their action in the water. I particularly like this fly because when pausing during the strip, it falls over onto its side and flutters like a dying minnow. I've since used it on the White River in Arkansas, the Rio Grande in Colorado and lots of other small creeks and ponds and it never fails to produce. Big browns love it! Hope you enjoy tying and fishing the Lil Kim!"*

#### **Materials:**

- **Hook:** TMC 3995 #10 (any streamer hook will do)
- **Weights:** Brass conehead sized for hook and .025 lead wire
- **Tail:** Olive marabou Blood Quill (for even ends)
- **Body:** Red mylar Flashabou
- **Ribbing:** Polar chenille silver or clear
- **Collar:** barred olive Schlappen or saddle hackle
- Crystal flash in any color

**Step 1.** Mash barb and put the brass cone on hook. Place hook on vise. Wrap lead around hook about 8-9 times and push into the cone. Start the thread behind the lead to secure it.

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**Step 2.** Tie in the marabou tail, about twice the length of the shank. Tie in crystal flash along the marabou tail.



**Step 3.** Tie in the red mylar flashabou. Then wrap it forward along the shank, tie off and trim excess. Tie in the polar chenille.

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**Step 4.** Palmer the polar chenille forward, tie off and trim excess.

**Step 5.** Tie in more crystal flash on each side of the body along the entire length of the fly.

**Step 6.** Tie in more of the marabou behind the brass cone. Optional: you can tie in the red crystal flash to make the throat at this point or at the end (see step 8).



**Step 7.** Tie in the barred olive hackle and wrap to make the collar, being sure to pull the barbules back on each side of the stem at the same time you wrap so everything lies angled towards the tail.

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**Step 8.** Flip over the fly and tie in red crystal flash to make the throat. Cut crystal flash as desired and whip finish.



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