

Ft. Worth Fly Fishers

July 2019 Fly of the Month
Near Deere Fly

July's feature fly tyer is your very own Fly Tying Director, Carlos Crespo. The Near Deere fly looks very similar to a Woolly Bugger, but an important difference is the jig hook, which makes the fly ride with the hook point up, helping to avoid some snags. In the Blue River in Oklahoma, Carlos used the Near Deere with a red Zebra Midge tied 2-3 feet behind it. This proved to be a killer combination as seen below.



Materials:

- Jig hook size 8
- Gold/silver cyclops bead (match it to hook size)
- Ultra thread 140 (olive)
- Strung marabou (olive)
- Grizzly hackle
- Pearl chenille medium (olive)
- Ultra wire small (optional)

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Step 1. Insert the hook thru the smaller hole of the cyclops bead and place the hook in the vise. Don't forget to mash the barb, if necessary.



Step 2. Start the thread behind the cyclops bead and wrap backwards until the bend of the hook. Tie in the marabou making sure the length of the marabou tail does NOT exceed one hook shank length.



Step 3. Tie in the grizzly hackle.

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Step 4 (Optional). Tie in copper wire.

Step 5. Grab the chenille and remove some of the strands to expose the inner thread. Tie in the chenille by the exposed thread.



Step 6. Move your thread forwards to the back of the cyclops bead. Wrap the chenille forward and secure just behind the cyclops bead.



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Step 7. Use hackle pliers to grab the end of the grizzly hackle and wrap forward while at the same time pulling the hackle feathers backwards. Secure grizzly hackle.



Step 8 (Optional). For better durability, I recommend you wrap the copper wire forward while zigzagging through the hackle feathers. Secure copper wire. *Side note: I recently used this fly in one of the many creeks in Fort Worth and the second sunfish I caught pulled out the grizzly hackle.*

Step 9. Apply head cement directly on the thread; give it two or three more wraps, and whip finish.



Happy fishing,

Carlos Crespo
Fly Tying Director