

July Fly of the Month: The Brassie

Midges are on our local waters year around and the Brassie is a excellent representative. In all my years doing the FOTM we have not discussed the Brassie. The Brassie is not a difficult fly to tie, however, it is important to create a smooth underbody an to wrap the wire in continuous touching wraps while maintaining the proper proportions. Brassies can be tied with different colors including the traditional copper, red, green and black.

Recipe:

Hook: Tiemco 100, 2457, 2487,2488, 2488H, sizes #14 - #22

Thread: Black 8/0 Ultra-Thread

Body: Copper Ultra Wire size medium for hook size #14 - -#16, brassie for hook sizes #18 - # 20: Small for #22

Head: Black Super Fine or the smallest peacock herl take from the eye of the feather

Tying Instructions:

1. Crush down the hook barb.
2. Attach the tying thread behind the hook eye and wrap rearward to the bend of the hook with smooth wraps.
3. Wrap back up to the tie-in point with smooth wraps forming a smooth underbody.
4. Clip 6 - 8 inches of wire from the spool and tie-in at the tie-in point with the wire extending about 1 inch beyond the hook eye using 3 wraps of thread.
5. Now carefully pull the wire rearward ending with the front tip of the wire under the 3 wraps No need to trim.
6. Moving the wire to the near side of the hook shank, wrap the tying thread rearward to the hook bend with smooth wraps covering the wire.
7. Lift the wire vertically and wrap the wire in tight, touching wraps up to the hook eye leaving room for the head.
8. Tie down the wire with several tight wraps if tying thread and helicopter the tag end of the wire until it breaks off.
9. Dub the tying thread and wrap a small neat head or wrap a small peacock head.