



GLO-BUG

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Fall steelhead season is fast approaching and there are fish moving into the rivers now. They love salmon eggs, so a few dozen glo bugs in your boxes will make you feel ready for anything.

MATERIALS

- HOOK:** Nymph, 2Xheavy, size #6-14
- THREAD:** 3/0 or stronger, color to match yarn.
- BODY:** Glo Bug Yarn, 3—6 pieces.

Tying Instructions

1. Cut one 2" piece and two 1" pieces of Glo-Bug Yarn, color of your choice. (Figure 1 at right)



Figure 1
Glo Bug



Figure 2
Glo Bug

2. Take about 15 wraps of thread just behind the hook eye. (Figure 2 at left)

3. Center the two inch piece over the thread wraps on the hook and take two wraps over the yarn, pull straight down and the yarn will roll under the hook to the underside of the hook. (Figures 3 and 4 at right)



Figure 3
Glo Bug



Figure 4
Glo Bug

4. Take the remaining two pieces of yarn and stack them on top of the hook centered over the tie-in position. Take one wrap over the bundle and hold it in position with your left forefinger, take a couple more wraps and tighten down the bundle, keeping it from rolling around the hook. Take a final two wraps and pull good and tight. (Figure 5 at right)



Figure 5
Glo Bug



Figure 6
Glo Bug



Figure 7
Glo Bug

5. Keep tension on the thread and work it through the yarn to the eye of the hook. When the thread is clear, wrap 5 or more good solid wraps tight against the yarn to form a head. Hold all the yarn clear with your left hand while you do this. Tie off the thread and cement. (Figures 6 & 7 at left)

6. With your left hand, stroke up the yarn on the top of the hook and hold tightly in a vertical position. Trim off the yarn with scissors, parallel to the hook shank, about 2/3" the width of the hook gap. Repeat with the lower length of yarn. (Figure 8 at right)



Figure 8
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7. Most Glo-Bugs need some additional trimming, so just trim with the scissor points until you have a nice round shape. (Figure 9 at right)



Figure 9
Glo Bug

Done!