

Tying Bench—Jim’s Beadhead Nymph by Paul Sequeira

When I’m fishing for bream or bass, there is no way I’d rather do it than fishing top water with a spider or popper. The excitement of a fish taking your fly off the surface – a pop from a bream or the crashing take of a bass makes the whole experience for me. But we all know that fish feed mostly under water, and when the water is high or a little on the cool side, deep fishing is more productive. Jim’s Beadhead Nymph is a pattern you can rely on when you have to go deep.

Materials

- Hook: Mustad 3366 size 8
- Thread: medium olive 6/0
- Bead: fluorescent orange or pink 5/32” (4.0mm) weighted bead
- Legs: 6 black very thin rubber legs
- Body: medium olive ultra chenille



Jim’s Beadhead Nymph tied by Paul Sequeira
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Tying Directions

1. Mash down the hook bard and slide the bead over the hook point and around the bend up to the eye of the hook. It is easiest to start the hook into the smaller bead opening first.
2. Attach the thread using a jam knot at the rear of the hook shank and create a ball of thread at the start of the bend.
3. Tie in a 1 ½” piece of rubber leg material at the mid-point and fold one on each side of the little ball of thread so that the legs form a V shap.
4. Cut two pieces of rubber legs about 2” long. Tie in the first piece about one 3rd of the way up the hook shank with the legs extending to each side of the hook. Tie in the 2nd piece the same way another 3rd of the way towards the hook eye.
5. Move the thread back towards the hook bend with spiral wraps. Strip a bit of fuzz from the end of a piece of medium olive ultra chenille. Tie the stripped end of the chenille to the hook shank at the bend just ahead of where you tied in the tail legs.
6. Now wrap the chenille up to the first set of legs, move the chenille ahead of the legs and wrap up to the second set of legs. Move the chenille in front of the legs and wrap up to the bead head, forcing the bead up against the hook eye.
7. Now tie off the chenille right behind the bead with three or four tight wraps of the whip finish.
8. Cut off the excess chenille and thread. No head cement is necessary.