

## Smitty's Fly Box: Green Weenie



My grandfather introduced me to this fly. As a youngster, I used to fish with him for panfish in farm ponds around our neighborhood and it proved to be a successful bluegill fly as well. It was first tied by Ken Igo and Russ Mowry in the 1950's and it catches everything from salmon to bream

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### Materials:

Hook: Daiichi 1560 size 10 or 12

Weight: Gold bead (optional lead wire as well)

Thread: Danville's Flat Waxed Nylon chartreuse thread

Body: Chartreuse chenille. Optional: Silicone rubber legs

Head cement: SHHAN or Solarez UV Resin

### Tying Sequence:

Step 1. Slide the gold bead onto the hook and press it against the eye.

Step 2. Wrap a layer of lead wire starting behind the bead and ending just as the hook begins to curve. \*\*

Step 3. Lay a base of thread directly over the lead wire, starting behind the bead and wrapping to the curve of the hook and then back to bead. \*\*

Step 4. Press one end of the chartreuse chenille against the hook shaft right behind the bead and wrap back to the bend. Tie it into place.

Step 5. Create a ½ inch loop in the chenille by folding it so it is pointing toward the eye. Tie the chenille off so it creates a vertical loop tail protruding from the back of the hook.

Step 6. Wrap the thread to just behind the bead. (if you are adding legs, stop the thread at the two-thirds spot on the hook, tie in a pair of legs and then continue to wrap thread to bead).

Step 7. Wind the chenille around the shaft to create the body of the fly; wrap it all the way up to the bead (if legs have been added, weave chenille between legs to create separation and then continue to wrap chenille up to bead). Tie the chenille into place with the thread, whip-finish and apply head cement to hold the knots in place.

**\*\*NOTE: Use steps 2 and 3 only if you need the extra weight for swift current or deep pools.**