

# Bead Thorax Nymph

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It may not seem real with the prevailing weather, but we'll be fishing pretty soon. Opening Day has a way of sneaking up, and suddenly, we panic; NEED TIE FLIES!

If you're like me, you be spending a lot of time in the early season rolling nymphs along the bottom. So, I'd like to pass along a design that's done very well for me in the last few years. I call it the Bead Thorax nymph. It's strictly generic; the pattern can be virtually anything you like. The thing is the design, and how it incorporates the bead.

Here's the drill:



*Step 1.* Debarb the nymph hook of your choice. Select a fly tying bead—that is, one with a hole bored through it—and slide it onto the hook by inserting the hook point into the smaller side hole. I use Cyclops Eyes beads because they are drilled that way, and I believe there are others that have that feature. The bead should complement the hook size, and can be whatever color you wish.



*Step 2.* Mount the hook in the vise and slide the bead up to the eye. Tie on behind the bead, and proceed to build your nymph, up to the point where the wing case material is tied in. Here, I'm making a Hare's Ear nymph. Don't create any bulk forward of that point, as it will interfere with the finishing steps. By the way, the wing case material seen in the photos is Bug Skin. If you opt for it, buy the thinnest sheet you can find.



*Step 3.* After tying in the wing case material, tie off with the thread and slide the bead back into the thorax area, as shown. Then tie on ahead of the bead and wrap back against it to lock it in place.



*Step 4.* Tie in legs of some sort, bring the wing case material forward over the bead, tie it down, trim, whip finish, and you have a killer nymph.

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