

Micro Madison Bead Head PMD Nymph

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This very basic but super effective pattern comes from the bench of Craig Mathews of Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone, MT. The pattern shown here is the original version – There is a newer version on the Blue Ribbon website that substitutes a quill body for the thread body. I have fished this pattern for years and it has become my go-to nymph during the PMD hatch. It's quick and easy to tie and is very durable. I particularly like it when fished as a dropper under a PMD dry fly. It's sparse profile and bead head gets it down quickly. I fish it with 4x fluorocarbon, two to three feet below the dry. Any #16 nymph hook is ok for this tie but I prefer the Dai Riki 075 because of its wide gape and superior hooking capability. Tie up a few and try them this summer when the PMD's are hatching!

Recipe

Hook – Dai Riki 075 #16
Bead – 5/64 copper
Tail – Hungarian Partridge,
sparse
Body – Rusty tying thread
Rib – Gold or silver wire – small
Wing Case – Gold mylar
Thorax – Dubbed PMD emerger
Zelon (Blue Ribbon Flies)

