

Barden's Killer Nymph

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Devised by Bewl Ranger and Bewl water regular Bob Barden when Bewl water had a huge damsel population. Can be fished on its own or as the point fly in a team. (Fish it slow and steady).

An excellent, general purpose nymph to use when fish are feeding on sub-surface nymphs and pupa.

Its simplicity, vagueness, shape and profile means it represents a whole range of trout food. So many thanks Bob for a super fly and for letting us show the pattern here.



Dressing

Hook	Kamasan B130 Size 8 to 14 But see note below **	Body	Sooty Olive Seals Fur (<i>TIED SPARSE</i>)
Thread	Medium Green Thread (I have used Olive 6/0 Uni-thread)	Thorax	2 turns of Sooty Olive Seals Fur
Tail	2 x Light Olive Cock Hackle Feather Tips (Tied in with the <i>INSIDES</i> together and on edge, <i>NOT</i> with them pulled apart).	Rib	Medium Copper Wire
		Head	Whip finish and varnish
**	Originally tied on the <i>Drennan Traditional</i> wet fly hook, size 8, as this hook used to just squeeze into the competition hook gauge. Bob states it doesn't fish the same on any other hook.		
NB	Bob states that the body length is important. When at first you tie on the thread/silk, if the hook is horizontal you tie the underbody down to a point level with the hook point if you hang the bobbin down.		



Step 1

Secure the hook in the vice (ping it) and catch on the medium green thread, run it down the hook shank to a position above the hook point.



Step 2

Prepare 2 olive cock hackle tips by stripping away the hackle from the stalk, leaving just the tips.



Step 3

Marry the tips of the cock hackle fibres so they are the same length.



Step 4

Tie them in using 'pinch and loop' keeping them the same length as the body.



Step 5

Bind them onto hook shank up to eye, remove waste hackle and return thread back down hook shank to catch in position above hook point.



Step 6

Catch in the medium copper wire *ON TOP* of the hook shank.



Step 7

Secure the copper wire to hook shank by running thread up ...



Step 8

then back down.



Step 9

Dub on Sooty Olive Seals Fur to thread to produce a thin tight rope.



Step 10

Wind the dubbing rope up the hook shank, stopping short at the thorax area.

Tip: Tie the body as SPARSE as possible to produce a slight taper. The dubbed body should be tied 'tight' with no fibres sticking out.



Step 11

Wind the medium copper wire up to the thorax area in 4 to 5 open turns (in opposite direction to dubbed body).



Step 12

Secure and agitate wire till it snaps.



Step 13

Dub on more Sooty olive seals fur ...



Step 14

and produce slightly larger (tight) thorax.



Step 15

Whip finish to produce 'small' neat head, remove tying thread and varnish head.



Step 16

The finished fly.



The Finished Fly

*Bob also devised an 'anorexic' Hares Ear.
Tied halfway to $\frac{3}{4}$ down the hook shank with
a very 'spare' tapered, carrot shape body.*

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