

# Black Hot-Bead Buzzer

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*I designed this buzzer for use on my favourite still water, Llyn-Clewedog, after being plagued by big black buzzers swarming around me and my mate Fred. The damn things were huge but Fred was OK as he had a net over his cap and head!*

*Fish it as a single fly on the point under an indicator, or without if you are not a fan of indicators. But be aware, the trout will hit it 'on the drop' as it descends in the water.*

*So a tip: when you cast it out, quickly strip in 4 to 5 foot of line to straighten things out.*



## Dressing

Hook	Kamasan B110 size 10 (heavy buzzer hook)	Body	Tying thread
Bead	Firefly 3mm Flo Yellow Hot Bead	Rib	Black Flexi-Floss/Spanflex
Thread	Black 6/0 or 8/0 Uni Thread	Tail (Breathers)	3 stands Pearl Krystal Flash



### Step 1

Slide 3mm Flo yellow hot bead on to hook.



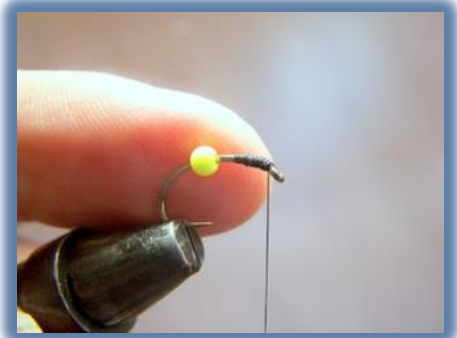
### Step 2

Set hook in vice (ping it).



**Step 3**

Slide bead down out of the way and catch on the tying thread – 4 to 5 turns should suffice – and remove excess.



**Step 4**

Lay a bed of tying thread on hook shank.  
*Tip: Keep checking bead will slide back up over thread.*



**Step 5**

Whip finish tying thread at eye of hook.



**Step 6**

Remove excess tying thread and slide bead over thread to eye.  
*Tip: At this stage I put a small dab of superglue on tying thread before sliding bead up to eye. (I normally do 20 to 40 so as to have a surplus to hand).*



**Step 7**

Re-attach tying thread (3 turns) and remove excess.



**Step 8**

Catch in a strand of black Flexi-Floss using 'pinch and loop' technique.



**Step 9**

Add 3 strands of Pearl Krystal Flash.

*Don't worry about the excess at this stage.*



**Step 10**

Put a couple more turns of thread over Flexi-Floss and Krystal Flash to ensure they are secure at thorax area.



**Step 11**

Pull on excess Flexi-Floss to stretch it.

This will make it thinner, reduce bulk and will create a slimmer body.



**Step 12**

Continue binding down both the Flexi-Floss and Krystal Flash, using touching turns, most of the way round the hook bend.

*Tip: I secure/hold the 3 strands of Krystal Flash between my little finger and my ring finger and hold/stretch the Flexi-Floss between my thumb and index finger.*



**Step 13**

Trim the 3 excess strands of Krystal Flash and return the tying thread back up the hook shank to the bead using touching turns.

*Tip: By returning thread down two thirds, then back up to bead, down again one third and back up to bead, you achieve a neater cigar-shaped body.*



**Step 14**

Stretch the excess flexi-floss at the thorax ...



**Step 15**

and remove with sharp scissors.

*(You will find it springs back to thread reducing bulk).*



**Step 16**

Put a half-hitch or whip finish here and leave tying thread in place.



**Step 17**

Stretch the Flexi-Floss and wind in *OPEN* turns, in the opposite direction to tying thread as you gradually release the tension on the Flexi-Floss, up the body to the thorax area and secure.



**Step 18**

Once again stretch the excess Flexi-Floss ...



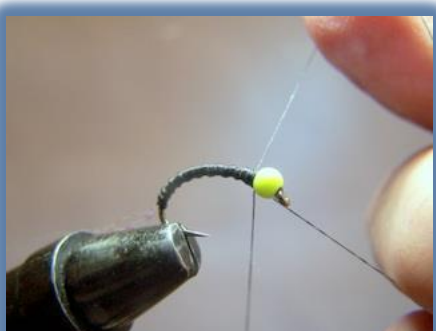
**Step 19**

and use sharp scissors to remove the excess.



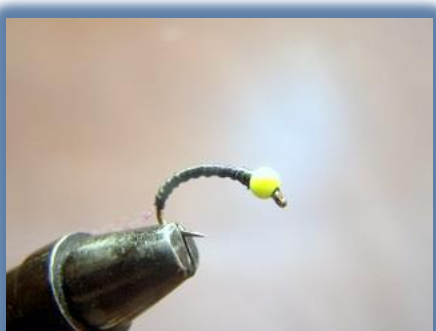
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Fill the area at the thorax, to a similar diameter to the size of bead.



**Step 21**

Whip finish to secure.



**Step 22**

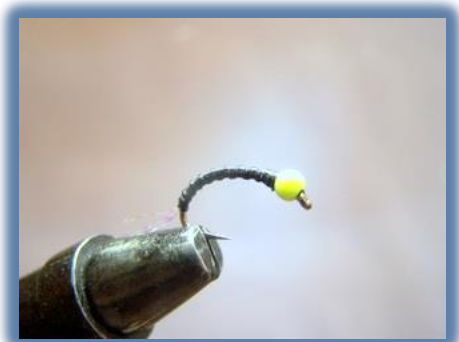
Remove excess thread.



**Step 23**

Trim the breathers/tail (the 3 strands of Krystal Flash) to the required length.

*Tip: I use the vice jaws as a guide.*



**Step 24**

Varnish whole fly with 2 coats of Sally Hanson 'Hard as Nails'.

***The Finished Fly***

