

The Fly Tyer's Corner by Matt Bennett

Rio Getter

The Rio Getter is a fly I specifically developed to target our Rio Grande Cichlids native to this area. It's a small subsurface nymph designed to ride hook point up. It's turned into one of the best all-purpose Texas Hill Country flies in my fly box today. It started out as a beadhead, but Chris Johnson make the recommendation that I flip the hook with lead eyes. I tie these anywhere from a size 14 for panfish and cichlids, up to about a size 8 for bass, carp, etc. I do change the hook to something more stout if I've targeting carp with it, these

smaller hooks will bend out on a big fish. Feel free to experiment with colors, I tie it in Black, Olive, Rust, and Tan.

Materials:

Hook: Gamakatsu B10S #14

Thread: Lagartun 74 denier, Olive

Eyes: Plated Brass Eyes, X-Small

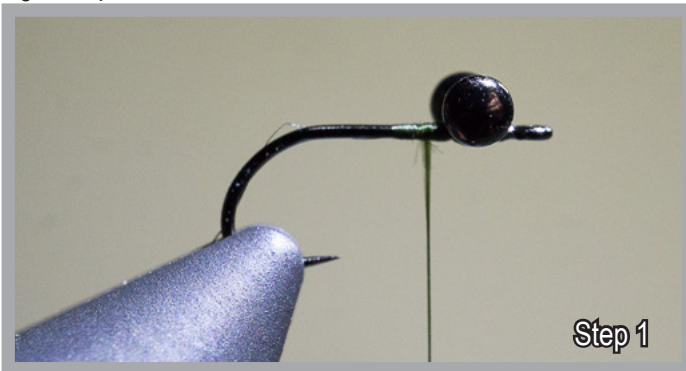
Tail / Wing: Whiting Coq de Leon Chickabou, Natural

Legs: Grizzly Micro Legs, Root Beer

Dubbing: Whitlock SLF Near Nuff Sculpin Olive

Rib: Ultra Wire, Small Chartreuse

Step 1: Place the hook in your vise. Lay down a small thread base, making a slight bump around 1 hook-eye length back from the front of the hook. Tie in the eyes on the bump using figure-eight wraps.



Step 2: Lay down a thread base halfway down the hook bend. Tie in the tail and ribbing wire.



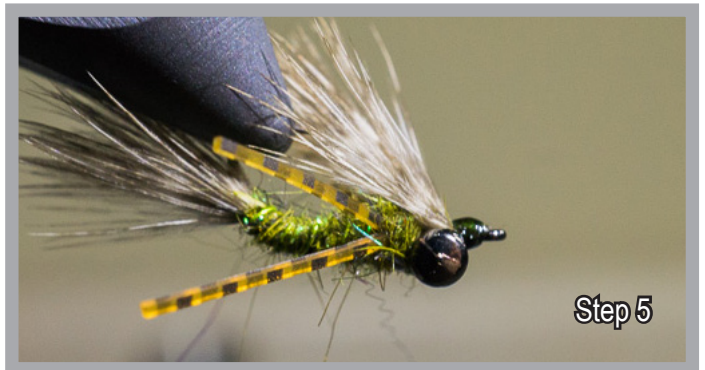
Steps 3: Dub a body from the tail to the eyes, and counter-wrap the wire to rib the dubbing.



Step 4: Take one rubber leg, cut in half. Lay one piece aside for the next fly, and cut one half in half yet again. Tie in the legs on the top of the hook, right next to the eyes and secure. Dub back over the legs a bit to sweep them back.



Steps 5: Moving in from of the eyes, tie in a wing, being careful not to leave material over the hook eye. Cut the waste flush as close as you can to the shank without cutting your thread. Whip finish and coat with Loon UV Flow and cure for durability.



Step 6: Finished Fly

