

## Andy's Black Glint F-Fly – 2012

This is my version of the popular F-Fly, incredibly simple to tie and very effective too.



### Materials

Hook: TMC 103BL size 19

Thread 8.0 Black

Body: Black Micro Dub Chenille (see picture 4) (available from Wharfedale Angling)

Ribbing: Veniard Medium Olive Micro Glint No 35 ( ditto )

Wings: Three black CDC feather tips

### Tying

- 1) Wind thread down body of hook in touching turns to the flat of the curve
- 2) Tie in 40mm or so of micro glint and the micro chenille.
- 3) Return the thread up to 2mm from the eye.
- 4) Wind on the micro chenille in tight loops up to the thread and tie in and trim
- 5) Wind on the micro glint between the coils of the chenille and tie off and trim.

- 6) Tie in 3 or 4 black CDC feather tips and trim off
- 7) Build up a small head and whip-finish.
- 8) Pinch trim the CDC to project about a third to a half of the hook length past the hook bend.

This is a very small tie that can mimic many small black flies such as gnats and midges. The micro glint gives that little bit of sparkle that can induce a quick take in sunny weather. If you don't have any micro chenille you can use black fine dubbing such as River-Niche No.2 black but the micro chenille does make tying this fly incredibly simple, It's also very useful for tying all sorts of other small nymph and terrestrial bodies and available in mixed colour cards, orange being particularly useful for tying pupae patterns for grayling dries.

Fishing style is traditional dry-fly, and once cast you can just leave it there, or give it a little twitch every now and again...the CDC, especially if treated with a touch of CDC oil (preferable) or gink the night before, makes it virtually unsinkable.

Simplicity itself and I have found them particularly effective for trout or grayling in Spring and Summer when the fish are rising to midge or gnat hatches and are reluctant to take anything bigger.

Tight lines

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