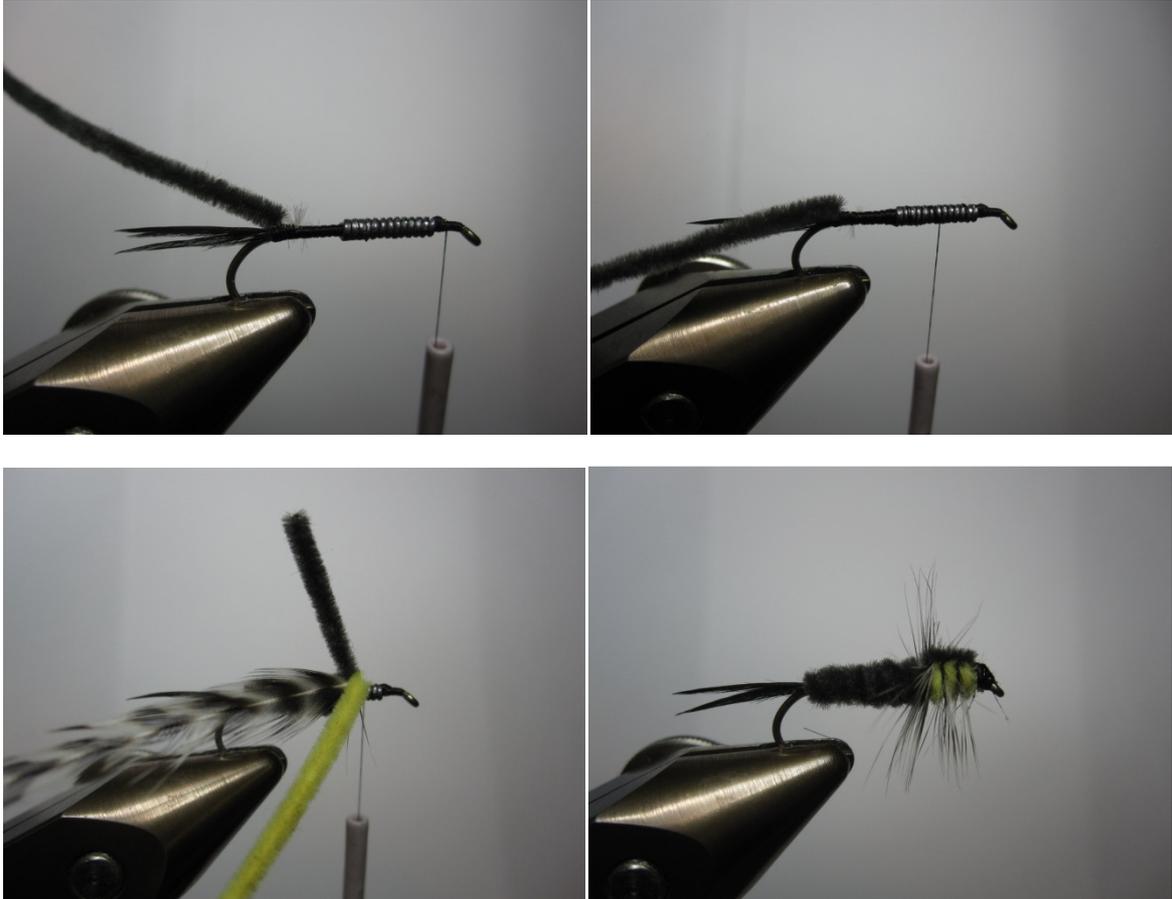


Weighted Dark Grey/Yellow Montana Nymph

Thought I would share this one with all you fly-fishers like me who just can't stop even in the cold weather! It can be a bit challenging in the cold but I've had some real success with this one from December to April with plenty of takes and some nice fish.



Materials

Hook: Size 10 long lure (Kamasan B830 or similar)

Thread 8.0 black

Body: Dark grey-black suede chenille

Thorax : Bright yellow suede chenille. You can also substitute green and orange.

Hackle: Grizzle cock hackle. Black is fine but I find grizzle more effective; width just greater than the hook bend.

Tail: Three black cock hackle tips (you can also use a pinch of black marabou)

+ fine lead wire for weighting.

Tying

- 1) From 2-3mm in from eye wind thread in touching turns down to a position over the barb.

- 2) Tie in three cock hackle tips projecting about 2/3rds of the bend of the hook.
- 3) Wind thread forward to front 2-3mm from eye.
- 4) Tie in lead wire and wind lead wire back over thread to a little over half way down the hook. Follow it with thread to secure it.
- 5) Build up thread in tapered 'cone' behind lead wire at barb end (this helps the lead stay fixed and gives a slight taper to the back of the body) and run thread to rear of hook.
- 6) Tie in dark grey chenille where the tail is fixed.
- 7) Put some fly-tying cement along the lead coil and thread to help the chenille to stick and allow it go tacky.
- 8) Wind on the dark grey chenille to about 2/3rd the length of the hook towards the front. Tie off at the top of the hook and leave the spare grey chenille projecting as this will form the top of the thorax.
- 9) At the end of the grey chenille, tie in yellow suede chenille and a grizzle or black cock hackle. I like a good stiff hackle projection as when the water is not particularly clear it provides a good disturbance to attract the fish.
- 10) Wind on the thread to 2-3mm from the eye
- 11) Wind on the yellow chenille and tie off 2-3 mm from the eye.
- 12) Wind on the hackle between the turns of the chenille and tie off 2-3mm from the eye.
- 13) Bring the spare end of the grey body chenille over the top of the yellow and tie off. Trim any spare chenille off.
- 14) Build up a small tapered head, whip finish and put a little fly-tite cement/varnish on it. De-barb of course.

I suspect you could just use standard 'coarse' black rayon chenille for the body but having tied some of this more usual pattern and had minimal luck with it, I stick to fine suede chenille and very dark grey rather than black (Wharfedale Angling Classics sell it as part of a card of mixed suede chenille colours, they also incidentally sell the bright yellow one on separate cards) I also find that creating a slightly tapered body produces better results. For me at least this pattern seems a 'Winter Killer' on still waters, fished just above the bottom around the margins on a 10' or so 5-6lb fluro-carbon leader with a medium speed 'lift and drop' retrieve and the odd jerk (which could be me too I guess, fishing in the freezing cold...)

Tight lines

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