

# Black Zebra Midge



The Zebra Midge imitates an insect found in many tailwaters throughout the country. Most common color is black but also may be tied in red, olive, or cream. Tied with and without a bead, with the bead being brass, or nickel. Hook sizes are usually 16 to 24, however I use size 18 to 22 on the Cumberland.

## Recipe:

- Hook- Size 16 to 24 curved scud hook
- Thread: 8/0 (black, red, olive, or cream)
- Bead- Size to match hook, color (brass or nickel)
- Rib- Small silver or copper wire
- Collar- Peacock herl

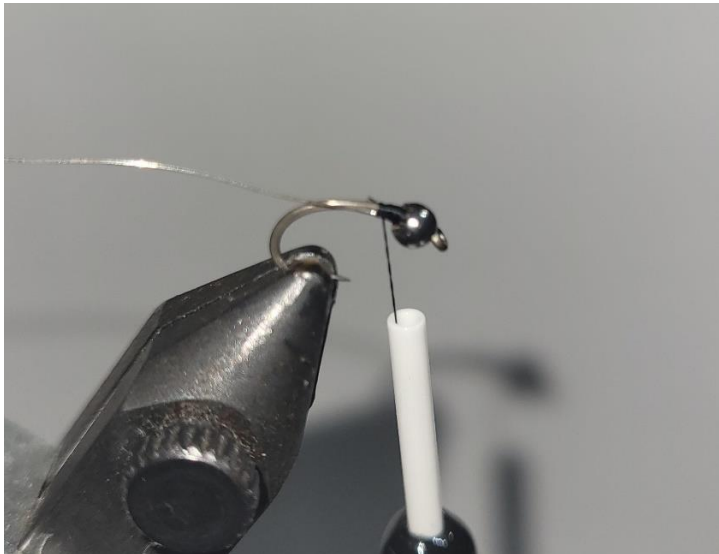
## Procedure:



Place bead on hook and mount in vise.



Start thread behind bead.



Tie in rib wire behind bead.



Wrap thread in touching wraps on shank of hook securing wire to hook.  
Continue until half way around bend of hook. Return thread to behind bead.



To build taper of the body, wrap another layer of thread stopping at 75% of hook shank then return to bead. Repeat another layer of wraps stopping at 50% of hook shank and return to bead. This builds the thread layer thicker near the bead and thinner at the hook bend.



Wrap wire in evenly spaced wraps to behind bead and secure with thread. Then remove excess wire.



Tie in single strand of peacock herl behind bead.



Wrap peacock herl around hook 3 to 4 times behind bead, then clip herl and tie off with thread.



Whip finish and clip thread completing fly.