



Check out this video on [“How to Make Mono Eyes with Monofilament & UV Resin”](https://youtu.be/HQ8wWPmemGw):

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Materials (*substitute as necessary*)

- Hook:** Natural Bend size 6 or 4 (Togen Natural Bend, or Mustad C53S or Tiemco 200R)
- Thread:** 6/0 or 3/0 olive or black
- Eyes:** Plastic barbell size medium or large - black
- Tail:** Olive goose biot, turkey biot for size 4
- Rib:** Small to medium wire – gold or copper
- Body:** Olive knitting yarn or Sculpin Wool for under-body, olive dubbing or mohair yarn for over-body
- Wings:** Partridge - olive or natural
- Thorax:** Olive dubbing (Mohair Plus or Semi Seal) or mohair yarn
- Adhesive:** Head cement for final thread wraps

Comments by Devina Brookman

If you see Dragonflies around the lake there will be Dragonfly Nymphs in the water. These insects have a three-stage life cycle: egg, nymph and adult. As the nymph gets bigger, it will climb the reeds or tules and break out of its shell as a larger nymph. It will do this several times until it emerges as an adult and flies away. The insect can live up to four years in the nymph stage. It is a big meaty bug which is preyed upon heavily by fish.

When we fish minnow or fry patterns, we usually make them bigger as the season progresses to match the natural fish. But with dragons we will decrease their size with the season as by summer the big ones have metamorphosed and flown away. I have adapted this pattern to a size ten or 12 with a short marabou tail.

We usually fish this fly on a lake trolling or casting and retrieving in shallow water right off the bottom. We will work along the edges of a lake. If you can get your boat right in to the weeds and then cast out and retrieve, this can mimic the nymphs coming into the reeds to molt. Try this retrieve pattern: two short quick pulls, one long pull then pause and repeat.

I make this fly in shades of brown or olive, so the colours of the materials can be adjusted to what you think would be suitable for where you will be fishing. I often keep a photo of the real insect beside me when I'm tying to help with proportions. For example, it has a very small tail.

