

## Fly Tying with Hermann Fischer 6/2010 COF BC Trip

### Chironomid



Herman uses a Tiemco 200R hook. He bends the eye of the hook down creating a much larger gap in the hook thus increasing hooking angle and gap.

Put the bead on. He likes the ceramic beads that are two tone. You can get them from [chinabizaccess.com](http://chinabizaccess.com). Tie some antron off the front of the eye of the hook for gills. He uses uni stretch for the antron as is it slimmer and makes it easier for the bead to go over. Slide the bead up to the eye of the hook and tie off in front of the bead. Tie the thread back on the hook behind the bead.

Tie in oil filled liquid lace behind the eye. Wrap the liquid lace back to the bend of the hook, pulling on the liquid lace as you wrap back to make the liquid lace smaller in diameter as you wrap back towards the bend of the hook. Take a magic marker and color just the top of the liquid lace to make it the color you want it to be for the final chironomid. By coloring just the top, you give the chironomid a slimmer appearance.

Now wrap back to behind the bead, stretching the liquid lace by the bend of the hook and easing up on the liquid lace as you wrap back towards the bead. Take a few wraps behind the bead and then a few wraps behind the liquid lace. This kicks the liquid lace back. Trim off the excess liquid lace. Wrapping up and down the hook this way balances the fly.

Twist a bit of polypropylene and tie it in behind the bead on the bottom of the hook. Trim it about the length of the hook shaft.

Tie in a piece of peacock herl tip forward. Twist the two sections of peacock herl together with the tying thread. This make it very strong. Wrap the peacock herl behind the bead and whip finish.

He fishes this with a swivel. He ties in 10 pound maxima from the fly line to the swivel. He then uses 8.2 pound Rio tippet (3x). He fishes them in the normal fashion on a long leader a few feet off the bottom. He will also fish them over the weeds on a short leader. If the weeds are four feet deep, he will place his corky at three feet.

### **Pumpkin Head**

Herman oversizes the bead on his pumpkin heads. He feels this gives the fly a very erratic movement pattern of diving down after the strip. He prefers the ceramic two tone beads.

He uses olive rabbit for the tail. He ties a short tail and feels that the rabbit works better than marabou for short tails. Tie the tail in along the length of the shaft. Tie in the hackle and the wire for a rib.



Wrap the thread back from the front to the back of the hook and tie in four peacock herls. Take two herls with the butt ends and two with

the tip ends and match them up. Tie them in at the bend of the hook. Lay them along the thread and spin it all together to reinforce the herl. Wrap the herl forward to the eye of the hook, then wrap what is left back a bit and then forward again building up a tapered thorax. Trim the excess herl and add a half hitch.

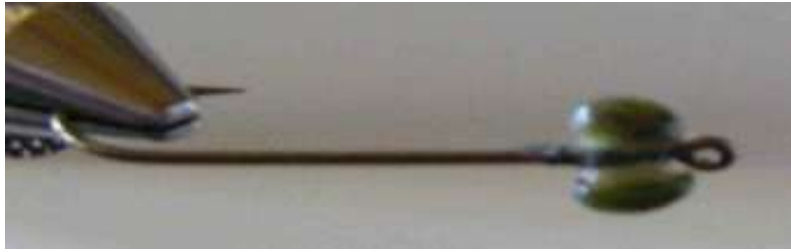
Work the thread back to the hook bend reinforcing the herl body as you do this. Now spin the hackle, the rib and the thread all together. Wrap all of this forward to the hook eye. Whip finish. He fishes the pumpkin head on a type three line, stripping it faster than you think you should and he make jerky strips.



## **Polypropylene**

He uses polypropylene for lots of fly tying. He gets it from hula skirts and gardening twine from the dollar store. The twine already comes in a rope form. If you need to make the hula skirt into a rope, tie a knot in one end, insert that end in your vise. Spin the vise to make a rope. Take a lighter and heat the length of the twisted material to create some memory.

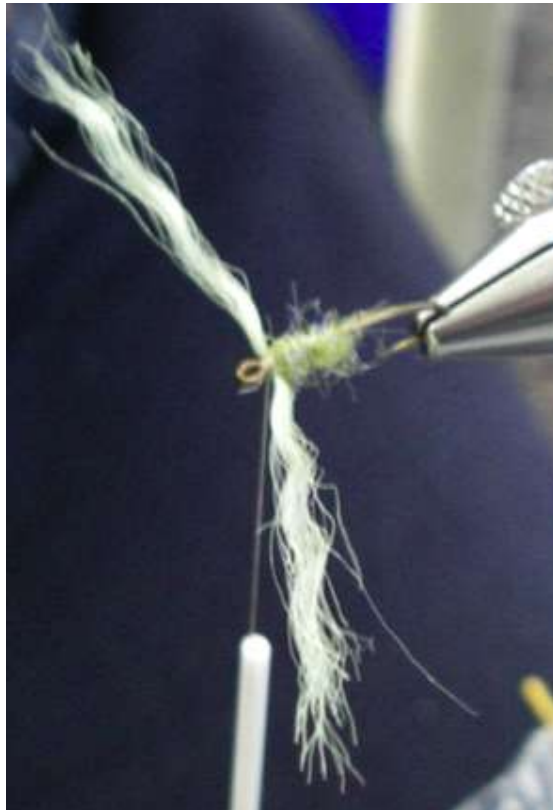
To make eyes for damsels and such, cut a length of the twine. Place it in a pair of tweezers and burn the ends. You will get a nice pair of eyes that are oval rather than round. The area being held by the tweezers will be flat and will tie on to the hook much more easily than



the usual mono eyes. Take a magic marker and make a slash on the eyes. Cover that with head cement so that it won't fade.

### **Poly rope for legs**

You can buy a ball of UV poly rope at Canadian Tire for about five bucks. He unravels this and combs it out to use for legs. He take a length of this, folds it in half and places the middle of the half under the hook eye. The take a few thread wraps to lock this in place. He then figure eights the material on as legs. To make the legs even, the pulls both ends of the material up together and cuts the material. He uses a panatone pen to color the tips of the legs. This material floats well and is very durable.



## Miscellaneous

When finishing off hackle, one usually tries to brush it back to get it out of the way as you finish the head. To make the process easier, Hermann takes the plunger from a hypodermic needle and places it on the shaft of his bobbin before he begins tying a fly. When it is time to whip finish the hackle, he moves the plunger up the shaft of the bobbin and over the hook eye forcing the hackle back. He then easily whip finishes. He slides the plunger back on to the bobbin before he trims the thread.



Put a spring on the edge of your tying board as a material holder.

Put a push pin in the edge of the front of our tying board so that you can attach a bag of dubbing. Make a line with a black magic marker and cut a slit in the bag. Now you can pull out bits of dubbing as you go.

Tie your flies on with a loop knot. Use a clinch knot for your nymphs.

He does not like to use head cement. He prefers to just whip finish. But, if you use head cement, he suggests that cut off the brush and replace it with a needle. The needle allows you to place the cement much more accurately. Driveway sealer makes a great head cement.

## Bonus

Hermann's stonefly and his damsel fly.

