

The Bling

Hook	#18 or #16 nymph (Mustad 3906b or TMC 3671)
Bead	2 mm, gold
Thread	8/0 black or red Uni-thread
Weight	0.015 lead (or lead substitute)
Wing	silver holographic Flashabou strips (Or use crystal saltwater Flashabou.)
Tail	root beer Krystal Splash or golden-olive Krystal Flash
Rib	black peacock Ice Dub (Use peacock Ice Dub when using the crystal saltwater Flashabou.)
Rib	small, gold Uni-wire
Body	black peacock Ice Dub (Use peacock Ice Dub when using the crystal saltwater Flashabou.)



1. Debarb the hook and slide on a gold bead.
2. Place eight wraps of 0.015 lead (or lead substitute) on the hook shank and slide the lead forward, locking the gold bead in place.
3. Attach the thread behind the lead; place a layer of thread on the lead, locking it in place. Build up a taper between the lead and hook shank.
4. Attach a two-inch piece of holographic Flashabou on the hook just behind the bead, with at least one inch of the Flashabou facing forward. Attach the Flashabou so it lies on a 45-degree angle on the side of the hook **nearest** the tier. Wrap the thread back a few turns, then forward to behind the bead. Fold the Flashabou so it faces toward the bend of the hook forward and attach with the thread. Attach this piece so it is at a 45-degree angle on the side of the hook **away** from the tier. When finished, the two pieces should form a “V,” facing somewhat forward. (The wing will be finished after tying on the tail and body.)
5. Advance the thread back to the end of shank, just above the barb. Attach three strands of root beer Krystal Splash (Or substitute golden-olive Krystal Flash.) for the tail. The length of the tail should be equal to the length of the shank or a little shorter.
6. Attach a rib of gold wire. (Use small-sized wire for #16 and smaller flies.)
7. Dub a body using black peacock Ice Dub. Counter wrap the wire and rib the dubbed body.
8. To finish the wing, pull the Flashabou on the side closest to the tier and fold it back so it lies along the side of the dubbed body. Hold it down with a few wraps of thread. Pull the remaining piece of Flashabou back so it lies along the body; hold it down with a few wraps of thread. The folded wings should form a “V” shape.
9. Place a neat head on the folded wings between the wings and bead and whip finish.
10. Clip the pieces of wing even with the end of the dubbed body. Cut the tips of tinsel to make them look pointed (somewhat like a goose biot used for a Prince Nymph).

Tying Tips: Use brown Krystal Splash to replace goose biots commonly used for tails, or substitute golden-olive Krystal Flash. Tie some patterns using red, purple, or chartreuse thread. The colored thread provides a “hot spot” between the wing and bead. Sizes 16 and 14 are good sizes for lakes.