

## Joe Bruce's Crystal Buzzer (on steroids)

### Materials:

Hook: Mustad #34007 size 2

Thread: Fire-orange 3/0 flat waxed nylon or monochord

Lead Eyes: 1/30 oz Black barbells

Tail: 4 3½" - 4" Saddle hackles (same color as the body); 4-6 strands of pearl krystal flash and 4-6 strands of silver flashabou

Body: Flash chenille



This is Joe's original crystal buzzer pattern, with the following modifications: larger hook size for pickerel, 3 ½ to 4" saddle hackles replace marabou for the tail, and strands of krystal flash and flashabou are added to the tail for extra flash. For pickerel, good color combinations for this fly are: chartreuse body and tail, yellow body and tail, red body and yellow tail, and red body and white tail.

Please see Joe's book entitled "Joe Bruce's Smallmouth Bass Fly Patterns" for the original materials and excellent tying instructions for Joe's Crystal Buzzer. He lists a host of good body and tail combinations for fishing for smallmouth bass.

## **Black Rubber-Legged Spider**

### Materials:

Hook: Mustad #9672 size 6-8

Thread: Black 3/0 flat waxed nylon or monochord

Body: Small black chenille, lead/non-lead wire

Legs: 3 Small/thin white rubber strips, all 3" long



This simple pattern is outstanding for catching bluegills and other sunfish. The white rubber legs are what really makes the difference. When fishing this fly, allow the fly to sink down into the water column, and then retrieve it using short strips, raising your rod tip slightly with each retrieve and then pausing for a few seconds as you lower your rod tip again to allow the fly to tumble back down with all the rubber legs twitching in all directions. Watch for strikes just as you start your next strip retrieval.

### Instructions:

Tie your thread onto the hook near just before the bend of the hook. Tie in your chenille followed on your wire. Wind your thread forward to the middle of the hook shank. Tie in all three strands of your rubber legs on top of the hook shank using a figure 8 tying motion, then continue winding your thread up close to the hook eye. Then wind your wire forward and tie it off near the eye of hook, doing the same with your chenille, being careful wrap around the rubber legs to ensure the legs still stick out straight from both sides of the hook. Whip finish and apply your head cement.

## Harry Murray's Hellgrammite<sup>1</sup>

### Materials:

Hook: Mustad #9672 sizes 4, 6, 8, 10

Thread: Black 3/0 flat waxed nylon or monochord

Pincers: Black rubber

Lead Eyes: 1/30 oz barbells

Body: Large black/olive/brown chenille, small to medium lead wire

Hackle: Saddle or cape hackle to match body color

Tail: Ostrich herl to match body color



This easy to tie fly is a must for your smallmouth bass fly box. Worked along the bottom of your favorite smallmouth bass stream or river, it's one of the best ways to pull out good sized-smallmouth bass. The pattern can be tied in black, olive and brown colors. Recommend having flies in each of these colors in your fly box as both the light conditions you are fishing in as well as depending on where you are fishing, using these different colors will make a difference in your cast to catch ratios.

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<sup>1</sup> From "Murray's Fly Shop Exclusive Fly Pattern Tying Instructions", page 23, one of a series of excellent fly tying books by Harry Murray available from his fly shop in Edinburg, Virginia or online at [www.murraysflyshop.com](http://www.murraysflyshop.com).