

OLIVE CZECH NYMPH



Recipe

Hook.....Swimming Nymph, size 8 - 12
Thread.....Olive 6/0 or 8/0
Shellback.....Scud backing, clear or equivalent
First Rib.....Fine silver wire or oval tinsel
Second Rib....Fine monofilament such as 6X or 7X tippet
Underbody.....Lead wire .15
Body.....Olive sparkle dubbing
Hot Spot.....Orange or pink dubbing
Thorax.....Hare's ear dubbing, spiky
Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in the thread behind hook eye and wrap it back to **halfway down the hook bend** making a good thread base. Let the thread hang.
2. By one end, tie in a 4" - 5" piece of monofilament, a 4" piece of scud backing, and then a 4"-5" piece of silver wire at the middle of the hook bend with their lengths extending out over the hook bend. Wrap thread back over their butt ends to a point about $\frac{1}{2}$ way down the bend of the hook. Trim off any excess butts.
3. Now take a 5'-6" piece of lead wire and, **starting over the hook barb**, make 30-35 touching wraps forward toward the hook eye. When finished, break off the excess lead. Cover the lead with thread wraps and move the thread back to the middle of the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
4. Form a dubbing loop and fill it with olive dubbing, twist the loop, then wrap it in touching wraps up the hook shank over the lead wire covering the rear $\frac{2}{3}$ ^{ds} of the hook shank forming an abdomen. Tie off the dubbing loop and remove any excess. Let the thread hang.
5. Take the silver wire and wrap it forward over the abdomen in counter-clockwise evenly spaced wraps as a rib. Tie it off in front of the abdomen and remove any excess wire. Let the thread hang.

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6. Now dub the thread with orange dubbing and, starting tight against the front of the abdomen, make 2-3 tight wraps to create a "hot spot" (think egg sac), then tie it off and remove any excess dubbing. Let the thread hang.
7. Dub the thread with hare's ear dubbing and, starting tight against the "hot spot", wrap a **spiky** thorax forward to slightly behind the hook eye. Let the thread hang.
8. Grasp the scud backing and pull it forward over the abdomen, "hot spot", and thorax and tie it off directly behind the hook eye. Remove any excess backing. **Be sure to keep the backing on top of the hook shank and to keep it under tension until it is tied off.**
9. Now grasp the monofilament rib and wrap it forward clockwise in evenly spaced turns over the entire body and tie it off behind the hook eye. Remove any excess monofilament.
10. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement if desired.
11. Take a bodkin, dubbing brush, or other suitable tool and brush the thorax to create legs.

NOTE: *If desired, the shellback can be tinted with permanent markers. The first (wire) rib can be omitted, at the discretion of the tier. However, the second (monofilament) rib is essential as it holds everything together. You can form the abdomen without a dubbing loop, but using it adds to the durability of the fly.*