

Palmer Chenille Bugger

The Palmer Chenille Bugger is known for fishing Coho in BC. It has also been used to catch trout and bass with success.

Material:

1. Streamer Hook – size 6 - 10
2. Palmer Chenille – small olive (Various colours are available)
3. Bead to fit the hook
4. Tail – Rabbit strip
5. Thread of choice to match the chenille

Tying Instructions:

This fly is fairly easy to tie once you get used to using the palmer chenille.

Install the bead over the hook and up to the eye. You can add some weight by using about 5 turns of 0.025" lead wire or equivalent on the hook and push it into the bead. Wrap the thread behind and over the lead. This keeps the bead from sliding down the shank. Keep the rabbit fur long and tie the thread over it to cover the whole shank so there won't be a bump at the back of the hook.

Tie in the palmer chenille at the back of the hook. Use about 10 wraps of palmer chenille (6-7 for the body, 3 at the head for a collar) in total. As you wrap the chenille forward rotate it to keep the fibres pointing to the rear of the fly. In the picture the bodies look fairly dense / thick but when held up to the light the flies have a thin silhouette. The palmer chenille ends up having a translucent look to it.



Below are a number of palmer chenille buggers ready for BC waters, i.e. no barbs.



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