

The Rangitikei Red John Olds



This is a fly that came about from my experiences on the Rangitikei River where the rainbows were loving flies with gold beads and red in them. A fellow angler has extensively field tested varieties of these flies and found that beads other than gold do not work as well and that the fly works just as well on browns as it does on rainbows. He has also found that you can lose these flies to fish just as well as any other.

Ingredients

6/0 black thread.

#12/#14 nymph hook

2.8mm gold tungsten bead

For the tail - pheasant tail dyed red or black krystal flash (If using pheasant tail you can choose to continue this up the shank or just use the tying thread)

Medium red wire

Red holographic tinsel

Red krystal flash, Veniards claret micro glint or anything "leggy"

Black spikey dubbing for the thorax preferably with some red glitter in it but not absolutely necessary. The dubbing doesn't necessarily need to be spikey but spikey dubbing gives a bit of a leggy look. You can also use peacock herl which has a built in "sparkle".

Recipe

With the bead on the hook and the hook in the vice, wind black thread to the bend of the hook.

Tie in 4/5 strands of red pheasant tail or black krystal flash. The tail should be about the length of the hook shank.

Tie in red wire.

Wrap the pheasant tail, or wind the black tying thread, up the shank of the hook leaving room for the thorax and tie in.

Wrap the red wire up the shank with the wraps fairly close and tie in.

Tie in a piece of red holographic tinsel for the flashback.

Directly behind the bead tie perpendicular to the shank three pieces of red krystal flash or micro glint using four figure of eight ties.

Pull the krystal flash back and put in two wraps to make the krystal flash sit alongside the shank.

Tie in dubbing to make a thorax.

Bring the holographic tinsel over the thorax and tie in.

Put a spot of head cement behind the bead and whip finish.