

May Quick Ties with Tom Regina... Black Girdle Bug

The Girdle Bug is a widely known and used stonefly nymph. It is quick and easy to tie and can be tied in colors other than black and in sizes 6 through 10. Trout are the primary quarry for which the Girdle Bug is usually used. However it is effective for taking small mouth bass and in smaller sizes pan fish. The materials list for tying the Girdle Bug is short - a hook, thread, chenille and rubber leg material. The only tools needed are a vise, bobbin and scissors.

Tying Instructions

Hook	Mustad 9672 size 8
Thread	6/0 black
Tails	Medium round white rubber
Body	Medium size black chenille
Legs	Medium round white rubber



Tying tip - Chenille comes packaged in an envelope or wrapped around a card and is rather crushed and nappy. If it came wrapped on a card it will also have creases in it about every three inches. Steaming the chenille over the spout of a teakettle will puff up the fibers and remove the creases, restoring it to a nice condition. With the chenille restored it is much nicer to tie with because without being crushed and creased it is easier to see how close your wraps are and it gives a fuller body to the fly. As the chenille is being steamed it will tend to untwist somewhat. This is good. Allow the untwisting to work its way toward the un-steamed end.



1. Steam the chenille.

2. De-barb the hook and fix it in the vise. With a jam knot tie the thread onto the hook shank about two or three hook eyes distance back from the hook eye. In close touching turns cover the hook shank with thread back to the hook bend. In a "V" shape, tie on the two tails, about two inches long, one on each side of the hook.



3. Cut about a five inch piece of steamed chenille from the skein and strip about 1/4 inch of the fibers from the cord. At the hook bend, tie on the chenille by the cord as shown.

4. Cut three 3 inch long pieces of rubber leg material from the skein. Tie the back legs on top of and perpendicular to the hook shank 1/4 distance forward from the hook bend. Use figure 8 thread wraps to tie on the legs. Manipulate the thread wraps so the legs stick out to the sides of the fly. Tie on the middle legs 1/2 hook shank distance forward from the hook bend. Tie on the forward legs 3/4 hook shank distance forward from the hook bend.

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5. Wind the chenille forward working it past the rubber legs with two or three turns between the tails and each set of legs. The chenille and legs can be manipulated as the chenille is wrapped to keep the legs sticking out to the sides of the fly. Make about three wraps of chenille in front of the forward legs. Tie off and cut away the excess chenille. Build a neat head, whip finish, cut away the thread and apply head cement. The tails can be trimmed to equal the hook length. The legs can be trimmed to equal the hook length on each side. However it may be best to leave the trimming until you are at the fishing location then trim according to how

the fish are taking the fly. That is, if the fish are short striking you may want to trim the tails and legs shorter. If the water is off color you may want to leave the appendages long for better visibility. Dead drift is not the only way to fish this stonefly nymph. Up and across with a swing and strip retrieve ala streamer works well also.

What's Happening... Jerry Aldridge

BOY SCOUT CAMP....2005 Dates for camp at the Spanish Trail Reservation in Defuniak Springs are June 12-16, 19-23 and 26-30. We will once again teach the Fishing and Flyfishing Merit Badges plus flytying. We need your help to teach or assist in teaching. The Scouts love our classes! If you can help, even for a day or two, please call Vick Vickery at 478-3584.

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MAY 15th FISHING TRIP AND PICNIC....Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze has recovered enough to again be the site of our 2005 picnics. See pages 2&3 for details.

FLY TYERS NEEDED....The Southeastern Council Conclave Is scheduled for June 2-4 at Callaway Gardens Resort in Pine Mountain, GA. Tyers, **especially trout fly tyers** are needed to demonstrate their skills. We have several fine tyers so lets show up in force! Karen will tell us how to apply at the May business meeting.

ANNUAL AUCTION....The annual fund-raising auction will be June 7th at the Business Meeting. We have had some nice donations already so things are starting to shape up. Travis suggested a replacement auctioneer but found himself outvoted by the rest of the board. So start looking through your "stuff" for donations and start saving those pennies and be prepared to have a great time.