

June Quick Ties with Tom Regina...Drowning Ant

Most ant patterns are tied for fishing on the water surface (dry fly). The Drowning Ant however is tied as a sinking (wet) fly. For its size the Drowning Ant is relatively heavy. Once it hits the water it quickly sinks below the surface even in tumbling riffle water.

As with most of our "Quick Ties" the Drowning Ant is quick and easy to tie and another *new* tying material is introduced (glass beads).

Tying Instructions

Hook	Mustad R70 size 12
Thread	6/0 Black
Body	One medium black glass bead, two small black glass beads, one medium black glass bead and one small red glass bead
Legs	Small black number 2 grade saddle hackle



1. De-barb the hook. Slide one medium black, two small black, one medium black and one small red bead onto the hook. Fix the hook in the vise and slide the beads forward to the hook eye. Using a jam knot tie the thread on the hook behind and tight against the back of the red bead. Build a small thread bump that will prevent the beads from moving back on the hook shank. Whip finish the thread bump and cut away the thread.



2. Using your finger nail or other suitable tool, force the two small black beads apart moving the three rear beads back about 1/16 inch. Again using a jam knot tie the thread onto the hook between the two small black beads.



3. Tie in a small black hackle for the legs and advance the thread forward slightly staying between the two small black beads. Take two or three turns of the hackle forward between the two small black beads. Tie off and cut away the excess hackle.



4. Whip finish the thread just in front of the legs and cut away the thread. *Note: Do not build a thread head at the hook eye.* Apply a small amount of head cement to the rear thread bump and at the hackle tie off point. Be careful not to get cement on the legs.