

Latex Larva Nymph.... Jerry Giles

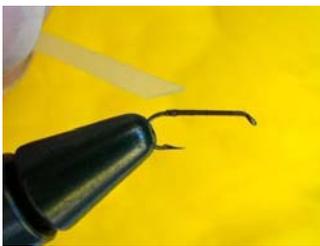
The Latex Larva Nymph is dressed using the strand body technique. Wrapped strand materials are excellent for forming segmented bodies. The variety of strand products available to the fly tier include but are not limited to (let your imagination be your guide) wire, stripped feather quills, horse tail hair, vinyl V-rib and D-rib, hollow and solid vinyl cord (Larva Lace), latex strips, scud back, floss, chenille, and others. In fact the variety of strand materials used for fly tying is almost limitless and the number of strand materials grows as new products continue to become available to us. As an added bonus, dressing fly bodies with strand materials is fast and easy.

Materials

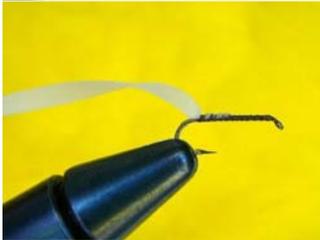
Hook	Mustad 9671, 2XL, size 14
Thread	6/0 brown*
Underbody	6/0 brown thread
Body	Hairline Dubbing, Inc. Nymph Stretch Skin, Natural Latex, 1/8" colored with brown Prismacolor water proof marker
Thorax	Brown Life Cycle Nymph Dubbing
Head	6/0 brown thread, black may be substituted



Tying Instructions



1. Debarb the hook and mount it in the vise. Lay down a smooth neat thread base from the hook eye to a point on the hook bend directly above the hook barb. Cut about a four inch strand of 1/8" natural latex from the skein and taper one end as shown.



2. Tie on the latex strip to the top of the hook at the hook bend with the straight edge of the strip facing up. Wrap the thread forward to the hook eye forming a smooth neat underbody.



3. While stretching the latex strip, wrap it forward with 50% overlapping turns. Decrease the amount of stretch with each successive wrap so very little or no stretch is applied to the last wrap. Continue to wrap the latex strip to the tie-off point. At the tie-off point take two tight thread wraps over the latex strip. Stretch the tag end of the strip and take several more tight thread wraps over the latex strip. While still stretching the latex strip cut the tag end away close to the hook shank.



4. Color the segmented latex body with a brown waterproof marker pen. Other nymph colors such as olive, black, and red, etc. may be used.



5. Dub a buggy thorax. Form a neat thread head. Cut away the thread and apply head cement to the thread head.