

Y2K Bug... Tom Regina

Google "Y2K Bug"... It is hard to find a reference to the Y2K Bug fly on-line. What you will find are hundreds of references to dooms day; the end of life as we know it; or the end of the world... as many predicted would happen on January 1, 2000. As it turned out the dooms day prediction reliability was zero. However the Y2K fly has great reliability as a trout catcher.

I was introduced to the Y2K Bug by bamboo fly rod maker W.S. (Bill) Oyster. Bill lives only a few yards from the Toccoa River in northwestern Georgia where he uses the Y2K with great success. I have also had wonderful days of catching many trout on the Tuckasegee River in the mountains of western North Carolina using the Y2K Bug.

I fish the Y2K with a quartering upstream cast, mending line as necessary to keep the fly bouncing along the river bottom with a drag free drift. At the end of the drift allow the fly to swing downstream. You will get many takes as the fly rises off the river bottom. I find it helpful to apply a sinking agent such as Loon's "Henry's Sinket Wetting Agent" to the Y2K. The hydrophilic (Having affinity for water.) properties of the sinket helps the fly break the surface tension and sink more rapidly.

The Y2K Bug can be tied in hook sizes from about 18 to 10 and in various trout or salmon egg colors. We will tie the Y2K in a sizes 12 and 10 and in pink.

Tying Materials

Hook:	Musted C49S, size 12 and 10
Bead:	7/64-inch gold
Weight:	.015 lead free wire
Thread:	6/0 white or color to match Glo Bugs yarn
Body:	Pink Glo Bugs yarn



Tying Instructions



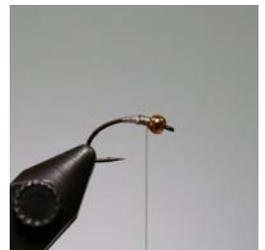
1. Debarb the hook. Place a bead on the hook and secure the hook in the vise. Cut about a 3-inch length of lead free wire from the spool. Make eight wraps of wire around the hook shank, between the bead and the hook bend.



2. The front wire wraps will go inside the bead countersunk hole. Move the bead back over the front wire wraps.



3. With your thumb nail or a suitable tool, from the back of the wire wraps, slide the wire and bead tight up against the hook eye. *Note: The lead free wire serves two purposes. One; it holds the bead in place tight against the hook eye and two; it adds weight to the fly which it turn helps keep the fly bouncing along the stream bottom.* Using a jam knot, start the thread directly in back of and adjacent to the rear wire wraps. In neat touching turns wrap a thread base back to a position directly above the hook point.



4. Wrap the thread forward forming a tapered thread ramp to the level of the wire wraps. Lay a single thread wrap in the space between each wire wrap with only a half thread wrap at the back of the bead.



5. Cut one 3-inch length of Glo Bugs yarn from the skein. Split the piece of cut yarn in half length-wise. *Note: After tying several Y2K Bugs you will be able to judge the correct amount of yarn needed.* Tie one piece of yarn, at its middle, to the top of the hook directly in back of and adjacent to the bead with two light overlapping thread wraps. When you pull straight up on the thread bobbin to tighten the tie-on thread wraps the yarn will tend to migrate to the far side of the hook. You may have to use your fingers to help move the yarn to the far side of the hook or keep it from migrating to far around the far side of the hook.



6. In the same manner tie the second piece of yarn to the near side of the hook with two tight overlapping thread wraps. With this piece of yarn however, start the tie-on close to the bottom of the hook shank. Again, as you tighten the thread the yarn will tend to migrate toward the near side of the hook and may require some manipulation with your fingers. Pinch the two pieces of yarn at the tie-on thread wraps and take two more tight overlapping thread wraps around both pieces of yarn and the hook being careful not to allow the yarn pieces to migrate away from the sides of the hook.

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7. Lift the four yarn "legs" up, forward, and out of the way and take several neat thread wraps around the hook shank back to a position directly above the hook point. Let the bobbin hang at this point. Separate the four yarn legs to form an X.

8. With your thumb, index, and middle fingers, fold the two front legs back while at the same time, and with the same fingers, grasp the two rear legs. Pull all four legs back and parallel to the hook shank. Pinch and stretch the yarn while taking several tight overlapping thread wraps around the yarn legs and hook at the thread hang point. Do not allow the yarn to migrate beyond the sides of the hook. Use an extended-reach whip-finish tool to tie off the thread with about four or five whip-finish wraps at the thread hang point. Cut away the thread and apply a small amount of head cement to the whip-finish thread wraps being careful not to get cement on the yarn legs. Pull and stretch the four yarn legs straight back over the hook bend. With one clean scissor stroke, slightly beyond the back of the hook, cut away the excess yarn.



Fishing Report.... Captain Bob Quarles



Here you go, these are just some of the best pics from the month of June (one of my favorites to fish). Check out the variety of fish.. we have been routinely catching six or seven different species on each trip. After a very windy spring, June has been absolutely gorgeous and the fishing has been fantastic.

I will say that the newest addition for the boat has received rave reviews from my clients. At the urging and the assistance from a good friend, client and a member of our club, I have put a casting platform on the bow with an enclosed and cushioned cage... you step up into this thing and close the door behind you.... immediately you notice the cushioned rails and the increased visibility you are now enjoying.. then you start to cast and lean against it and you notice that you don't have to worry about falling out of the boat when it's rocking.. ahh.. now you can concentrate on casting and spotting fish instead of falling...all I can say is that it is awesome and I am extremely grateful to the club member who pushed and helped me with this.. it is really a nice addition to an already awesome fishing machine. The pictures and the smiles say it all.. I will just be quiet and let you peruse them.... Life is Good!

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