

April 2019 Fly of the Month

Jig Head Leach *by Greg Chester*

Here's an easy to tie and effective pattern for lake fishing (primarily) and rivers. Leached are in most waters we fish and are a favorite food for trout year round. After all I think that the famous and effective Woolly Bugger in its many forms imitates leaches as well as bait fish and as a general attractor. So, what's of interest to fish is of interest to fishers. I've indicated wine marabou below but feel free to experiment with black, brown, purple, olive, etc. I've found the color wine most effective on Hebgen and purple on Georgetown. See what works for you.

JIG HEAD LEACH

- Thread 6/0 black
- Hook #10 Gamakatsu J20-B Jig Nymph Hook or equivalent
- Bead Tungsten Jig Bead, 3.8mm, Black Nickel
- Tail and abdomen Wine marabou, one full feather
- Ribbing Silver tensile, medium.

The unique feature of this pattern is that the fly swims inverted due to the configuration of the jig hook. This promotes an enticing jiggling action and helps prevent snags due to the hook point riding up.

Start the tying sequence by first sliding the bead onto the hook. Wrap tying thread back to the beginning of the bend. Next select a full marabou feather and tie it in at the bend to represent the tail, so about equal to 1 ½ times the length to the hook. **Don't cut it off yet!** Now tie in a length of tensile at the bend and start wrapping the marabou forward forming a smooth, even body and tie off just behind the bead. Now reverse wrap the tensile forward in open spirals to just behind the bead and tie off. Apply cement and you're done!

Good tying, and please call with any questions!
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