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Balance Leech

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The Balance Leech is a very effective fly for both lakes and streams. It can be tied in a variety of colors and sizes. The one I will illustrate is my personal favorite.

- 1) Your hook is a Daiichi #4647 size 12. I use sizes 10 and 12 with this jig hook.
- 2) You need to find pins for balanced leeches. They are sold for the leeches on Ebay and in fly shops. The pins are 1/2", 12mm and you can use any bead that fits on these pins. I use gold Tungsten beads and sometimes red Tungsten.
- 3) Put the bead on the pin, and tie it on top of your hook as illustrated. Use lots of cement to hold it on top.
- 4) Tie on some flash as a tail. Don't use more than four or five threads.
- 5) Tie on Rabbit fur that's cut on an oblique and wrap it up to the bead (beyond the hook eye as illustrated) and then tie it off. I pretty much stick to Olive and Black. Other colors work as well.

That's it!!! A simple but effective fly for a lot of situations.- *Phil*

