

Blue Gill Candy

This is a fly that will catch blue gills and bass. It has proven itself time and again with the Veterans of Project Healing Waters—Cincinnati. It can be tied in different colors for effect and/or clarity of the water you are fishing. The neon colors attract fish very well, but olive and black also work. These have also caught crappie.



Materials:

- #12 or #10 wet fly hook
- Ultra chenille (fine also works)
- Bead head for appropriate hook size
- Rubber legs (black or speckled)
- Thread to match the color of the chenille (clear can be used also)

Instructions:

- Smash barb if you are fishing catch and release
- Place bead head on hook
- Wrap a layer of thread to the curve of the hook
- Tie in the chenille and wrap thread to behind bead
- Wrap chenille tightly to bead and add one extra wrap behind bead—this tends to stuff the chenille into the bead head
- Tie off the chenille with six or seven wraps of thread and trim chenille
- Tie in rubber legs
- Trim legs if needed—shorter works better
- Tie off thread with a whip finish behind the bead
- Go fishing

This fly is a culmination of other patterns. It is extremely easy to tie, and has proven to be very effective on blue gills and bass.

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