

# Mini Bow Tie Buzzer

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Variation of a midge pattern described in *“Modern Midges”* by Rick Takahashi and Jerry Hubka, 2009. Headwater Books.



**MATERIALS:** (some materials modified from original pattern)

**Hook**—#16-24 Daiichi 1150; Tiemco 3761, 2487, 2488.

**Thread**—Black Uni Thread 8/0, smaller is even better.

**Abdomen**—tying thread.

**Gills**—Oral-B Ultra dental floss

**Rib**—Fine silver wire or Flashabou holographic silver tinsel.

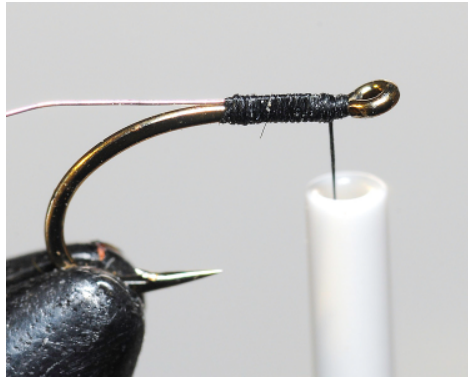
**Wing buds**—orange, brown or natural goose biots.

**Wing case**—Pearl Flashabou (saltwater), trimmed to proper width for larger hook sizes, regular pearl Flashabou for small hook sizes.

**Glue**—Hard as Hull head cement or Sally Hansen Hard as Nails nail polish.

## HOW TO FISH:

A Buzzer is essentially an imitation of the pupa stage of a midge or chironomid. I usually fish this pattern with a small split shot and a strike indicator, dead drift. When the line straightens out, use a slow retrieve as if the fly were slowly struggling to the surface. Can also be fished upstream with a bit of tension, but no fly action at all other than drift. Sizes 20-24 Works very well on Brookville tail water during Trico and midge hatches. The pearl Flashabou gives the midge wing case a metallic, iridescent glow.



**Step 1. Attach thread behind hook eye and wrap halfway down hook shank. Tie in strip of silver wire (or tinsel) and wrap thread forward to just a couple of turns short of the hook eye.**



**Step 2. Tie in an inch long piece of Oral B dental floss immediately behind hook eye.**



**Step 3. Orient floss perpendicular to hook shank and wrap thread in a figure eight pattern to anchor floss.**



**Step 4. Wrap thread down hook shank and over wire to just above hook barb. Lift tinsel or wire up and make 2-3 additional thread wraps down hook shank.**



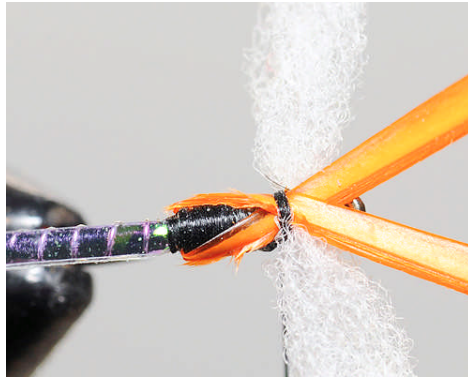
**Step 5. Wrap thread back up hook shank to edge of floss. Palmer wrap silver wire forward to thread and tie off. Trim wire.**



**Step 6. Wrap thread back to hook middle, tie in a 2" strip of pearl Flashabou and wrap thread forward to edge of floss. I use the wider saltwater pearl Flashabou and trim to size depending upon hook size used.**



**Step 7. Tie in two goose biots, tip first, one on far side and one on near side. Tie in with two turns of thread. Trim biot tips and wrap thread forward to floss.**



**Step 8. Pull biots toward hook eye and tie off with two turns of thread behind floss. Carefully trim excess biots close to thread wraps.**



**Step 9. Pull pearl Flashabou forward over biots and tie off behind floss with two turns of thread. Trim excess Flashabou very close to wraps.**



**Step 10. Whip finish thread behind floss.**



**Step 11. Coat thorax and abdomen with 2-3 coats of Hard as Hull head cement or Sally Hansen Hard As Nails nail polish. When dry, trim floss to form gills. Gills should be less than half the length of the thorax. Do not trim floss until the pattern is completed. This makes it much easier to pull the floss out of the way when working around the hook eye and applying the finish.**