

Tube Fly

Submitted by Steve Lilly

Fly Construction: propeller (available at most fly shops); two small plastic beads (available at craft shops such as Michael's, serve as bearings for the propeller and keep the metal of the propeller from cutting into the tippet); run head of large needle through tube (available in pan fish section of an outdoors store such as Bass Pro Shops), thread tippet to needle and pull needle and tippet back through tube; thread larger bead on tippet (helps keep hook from poking out through head of tube during cast); hook (use larger hook to make it go deeper, use a smaller hook and strike indicator or similar device that floats ahead of tube for shallower presentation).

Comments: configure fly streamside, easily done with practice; fly is easily cast; plastic beads hold up, glass beads easily shatter; propeller optional, may impede wiggle action of tube; fly is rugged, can last for hours; try propeller ahead of other flies such as Wooly Buggers.

Species Caught: smallmouth bass