



Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



Dave's Harvester Midge

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This is Dave's style of the Harvester Midge. He ties them on size 20 and size 22. Dave uses a tungsten bead. In his video, he uses a 2.0mm but I am using a 1.5mm. For a hook size 22, the 2.0mm bead seemed too big.

Start by putting your bead on the hook and build a lay down a thread base.



Then tie in a small black wire. Slide the wire through the bead and start tying it down with the thread. Before getting the wire locked down by the thread, pull it back so that it is not exposed.



Tie down the wire to the bend of the hook. Dave likes to keep the wire on the side of the hook as he is tying it down



With the wire tied down, build up a tapered body. When the fly is finished, Dave likes the thread to be about the same size of the bead. Now put in a half hitch because we are going to use the rotary to space the black wire evenly.



Cut the black wire by rotating it in a circle many times, it will break off nicely.

Cover the wire end with your thread building up to be even with the size of the bead. Then whip finish.

This is Dave's go to midge and yes, I have seen him catching a lot of trout and you need to read his article on how to do just that. Here is the web link.

<http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/resources/library/pdf-downloads/midge-fishing-techniques-dave-tucker/>

But when I hear the word "Harvester Midge" I think of Russ Doughty's Harvester Midge. It is much larger and quite different. It too catches a lot of trout.

I will write about his midge in one of my upcoming "Fly in my Email".



What do you think? Let me know. dmstead@aol.com



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Materials:

Hook: TMC100

Hook: Sizes: 20, 22

Bead: Tungsten 2.0mm or 1.5mm, Black NI, or Black

Thread: UTC 70 Rusty Brown Thread

Ribbing: Small Black Wire

Check out my fly tying video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7IUMt_iu1Q&t=36s

Fishing instructions: Dead drift with a strike indicator, with occasional twitch, or high sticking and watch for the takes or leader action.

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