

## FLY OF THE MONTH – *Steeves Firefly*



Harrison Steeves is quoted as saying, "Every now and then a fly comes along that just seems to have something going for it." This may be true. We have just returned from a fishing trip and the trout were on terrestrials. The Steeves Firefly was a fly of choice and we want to share the pattern recipe with you.

### Recipe

Hook: Tiemco 5212 size #12-#16

Thread: 6/0 black or orange

Body: 1/8-inch thick black closed cell foam cut into 1/8-inch wide strips

Underbody: two to four peacock herls depending on hook size

Butt: Kreinik florescent medium round braid, #054 yellow

Wings: Kreinik 1/8-inch flat ribbon #850 mallard, 6-inch piece

Wingcase: Kreinik beetle black, 1/8-inch wide flat ribbon #005HL

### Tying Instructions:

1. Wrap the first half of the hook shank with tying thread and tie-in a 6-inch piece of wingcase material and wrap rearward to the bend of the hook. Now wrap the tying thread forward two-thirds the length of the hook shank.
2. Tie-in the body foam and continue wrapping over the foam body to the bend of the hook.
3. Wrap thread forward about 1/8-inch and tie-in a 6-inch piece of butt material. Form the butt on a #14 fly by wrapping the butt material forward three times and tie-off and trim. On a size #12 hook wrap four times. On a #16 fly only two wraps are required.
4. Tie-in the peacock herl just ahead of the butt section and wrap thread forward to about 1/6-inch behind the hook eye.
5. Wrap the peacock forward, tie down and trim.
6. Fold the body forward and tie it down about 1/8 to 1/16 inch behind the eye (depending on hook size). Cut the forward projecting foam even with the front of the eye forming a head.
7. Tie-in a piece of wing material projecting rearward to the front of the front of the fluorescent butt. Trim the front section of the wing material flush with the front of the head. Separate the wing material into two equal portions on each side of the body
8. Fold the wingcase forward between the wings and tie-down and whip finish. Trim the excess material flush with the front of the head.

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