

Sunriver Angler's Fly Tying Corner

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The early season features very limited bug activity. About the only active insects are midges, commonly known as Chironomids. In the mid-day sun these insects are active and a mild weather day can even bring some surface activity. But, for the most part, it is a subsurface game this time of year. In the past few weeks I have been tying up a variety of Chironomid patterns. One of the patterns I have been tying is the Chromie Buzzer. This fly imitates the midge subsurface as it is preparing to ascend to the surface and hatch. .

I recently bought some Alec Jackson Crystal Chironomid hooks. They are a curved hook and are a good option. But any curved hook, like a scud hook or similar will suffice. I look for a wide gape and very sharp point, which translates to better hooking qualities. I used a glass bead on this pattern, which will help the fly sink slowly. I will use glass beads and in deeper water tungsten beads. I have also been using a UV quick cure resin recently on almost all of my Chironomid patterns. It makes the fly realistic and very

durable. Take a look at the picture at the and you will see the translucence in this pattern.

Chromie Buzzer Chironomid:

Hook: Curved Daiichi Alec Jackson Crystal Chironomid hook in sizes 11-13, Daiichi 1260 or similar in sizes 12-16, or any scud hook like a Tiemco 2457 in sizes 12-18.

Bead: Clear Glass Seed Bead, sized to match hook size. Also try slate, silver and gold colored beads, or glass beads in various colors like red, amber, gunmetal, etc.

Thread: Black, 70 Denier

Abdomen: Mirage Tinsel - Large

Ribbing: Fine wire in red

Wing Pads: White Goose Biots, partially colored with an orange Sharpie

Over Body: Clear cure UV resin, such as Clear Cure Goo.

Tying instructions and steps are now being published in video form, and can be found on the Sunriver Anglers Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers/>, or at the following YouTube URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4pscYxzwj58>

Experiment and develop your own favorite Chironomid color combination. If you have questions or would like additional information about the Chromie Buzzer Chironomid pattern, please don't hesitate to email me. Or if you have suggestions on future patterns to feature in this column, I welcome your input. I can be reached at Philfischer@sbcglobal.net.