



Pearly Griffith's Gnat HOOK: Dai Riki 070-16
THREAD: 8/0 Uni or UTC 70d, black TAIL: Pearl
Krystal Flash ABDOMEN: Peacock HACKLE:
Grizzly Saddle

Substitutions: Adding a HiViz post is a common variant. Medium dun hackle has it's devotees. But this fly is such a solid, proven pattern/ If you make substitutions, it's no longer a Griffith's Gnat!

Truth be told, the Krystal Flash is already messing with perfection, but flash can be irresistible to fish and fishermen alike!

Fishing Tips: Midges cluster when mating, and this pattern is a good imitation of the cluster. But even when the naturals are hatching in singles, and not particularly clustering, fish like the idea of midges in bulk!

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HINT/TIP: Your materials are going to lay the length of the hook shank, even if your tie in point for a particular material is farther back on the hook. These are good techniques, and though not critical on this pattern, you should give it a try.

Tying Tips

1. Start thread at eye and move to mid-shank. Tie in three strands of Krystal Flash as you would a tail, with just a few thread wraps. Butts should be almost to the eye of the hook, but you can tie it in mid-shank and make 3-5 wraps towards the bend. Even though the thread isn't to the bend yet, you can cut the Krystal Flash to about a shank length.
2. Tie in a grizzly saddle hackle. **TIP Don't strip the stem – tie in hackle stem barbs and all so some stick rearward. The stub end of the hackle will be right behind the eye,, like the krystal flash, even though your tie in point is by now closer to the bend of the hook.** Wrap thread rearward *over the hackle and krystal flash* until the thread is at the bend/above the barb.
3. Tie in two strands of peacock, by the tips. Tie in point is right above the barb, but the herl tips should extend forward just like the krystal flash tips and the hackle stem. Wrap from back to front, covering krystal flash, hackle, and peacock alike. Now you have an even thread base on which to wrap peacock.
4. Wrap peacock forward, tie off just behind the eye.
5. 5 wraps of grizzly hackle to the eye, and tie off.
6. Whip finish.