



Steve's Scud Back Special

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Tying Materials:

TMC 2487 size 20 hook (2X wide, 2X short)

1/16 inch gold bead head

1/8 inch clear scud back

Tying Directions:

Slide gold BH behind hook eye.

Tie scud back at middle of hook bend with tight half hitch, wrap forward around shank (do not stretch scud back) to behind BH, wrap back to hook bend (do not stretch scud back), then stretch the scud back, wrap forward to behind BH giving a segmented appearance, then tie off with half hitch behind BH. Touch the two half hitches with a very small amount of head cement and you are done. No thread! I initially tied it using 6X tippet for thread but prefer this method.

Comments: The idea for this fly came in October 2007, after Brookville master angler Felix Villarreal gave me a gold BH fly he had tied using thin strips of rubber he had cut from a translucent glove he was using in his printmaking at Miami University. Felix used his fly to very good advantage at the Brookville tailwater. I was unable to neatly cut strips from a rubber glove so I thought of using clear scud back instead. Clear scud back can be colored with a Sharpie (or other marker) or you can use other commercially available colors of scud back to vary the color of the fly. Clear scud back also dyes readily. You can also wrap different colors of thread or materials such as peacock herl or various dubbings around the hook shank followed by the clear scud back to vary the color of the fly. I prefer to put a small strike indicator 5 feet or so above the fly to aid in strike detection but you don't have to use one. This fly fishes very well when you see midging trout. I have had success with size 18 and 22 versions of this fly but my favorite size is 20.

Species caught: brown trout and rainbow trout