

Bead-Head Serendipity:

Hook: Mustad 94840 Size 16-20

Bead: 3/32-1/16. Gold

Body: Options: Pearl Krystal Flash (favorite), brown thread red and black micro tubing.

Wing: Short clump of deer hair

Weight: 4-5 wraps of lead/non-tox

This is a quick fly to tie. After debarbing the hook and mounting the bead, place the hook in your vice. Wrap the lead around the hook shank and push up tight to the bead. Wrap your thread around the shank and over the lead to secure it. Wrap the thread over the shank of the hook and part way around the bend. Mount your body material...if Krystal Flash, wrap it tight against itself to completely cover the thread and up to the bead. Tie off and trim. Do the same if you use thread or micro tubing for the body. An interesting effect can be created by using clear tubing to cover thread color of choice, which will show through. Now cut a small bunch of deer hair and tie tight behind the bead using several wraps of thread. Trim off the excess and shorten the wing to a ¼ inch or less. Tie off with 2-3 half hitches and apply head cement.

This fly has proven very successful on many Southeastern streams, particularly early in the spring. I typically fish it as the bottom fly with a Prince above.