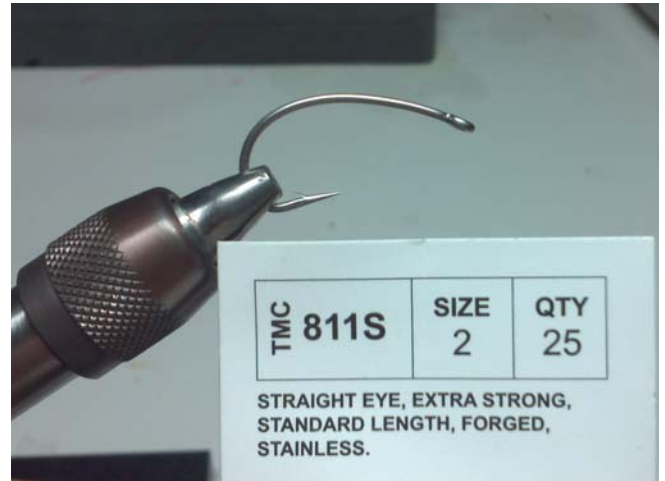


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Bend the hook as shown

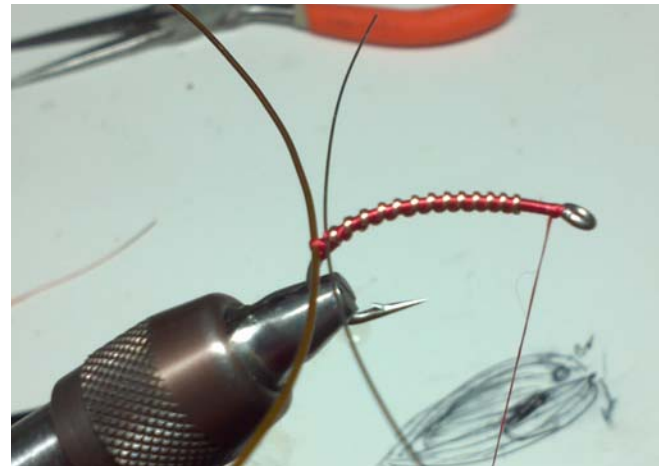


Tie in larger copper wire at hook bend.

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Tie in smaller Beadalon wire just in front of copper wire.

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Wrap hook shank with thread up to the eye.

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Using pliers to hold the lead end (instead of tying it in) wrap the smaller diameter copper wire up the shank in evenly spaced turns.



I use 40 lb mono for the weedguard

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Flatten a small tag end with pliers so that it will lay flat on the shank.

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Tie in the weed guard as shown

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Whip finish



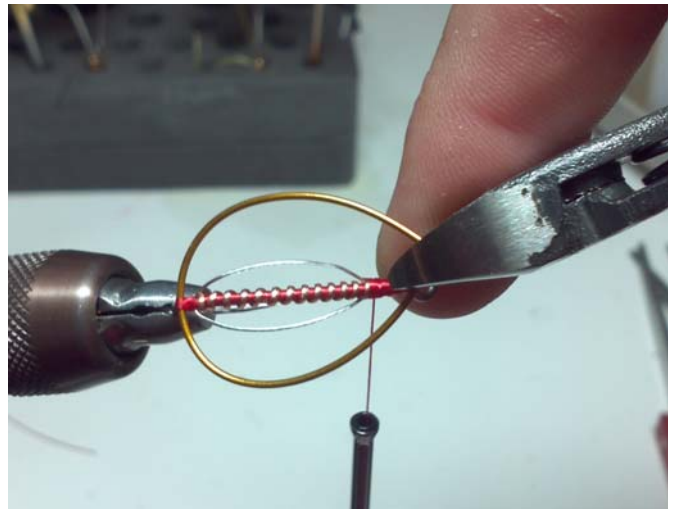
Pull the smaller frame wires forward and tie them in underneath the eye, leaving yourself enough tag to cut the wires in front of the eye.

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Trim wire and whip finish

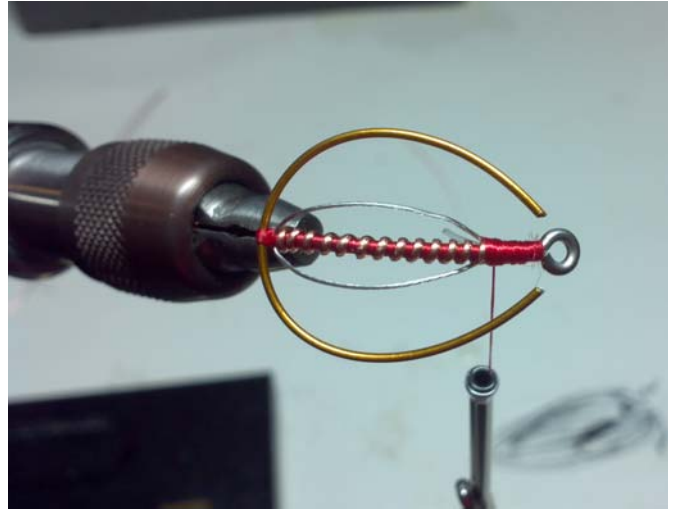


Pull the larger frame wire forward making sure that the bend is uniform

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Mark the length you want and cut the ends with your cutters parallel to the hook shank



Whip finish now because the next step can be hard on thread.



Tie in the ends using as little tension on the thread as possible

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The thread is only holding the ends in place. If you pull too hard it'll slip off of the wire ends because of the extreme angle

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Bring thread to the eye, super glue, and whip finish



Allow the super glue time to dry.

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Use a bodkin or similar tool to align the inner wires with the hook shank. It's hard to see the inner wire in the picture because it is in line with the shank.





I wrapped masking tape around a steel bar, leaving a gap for the hook shank.

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Place the spoon on its back on top of a piece of foam

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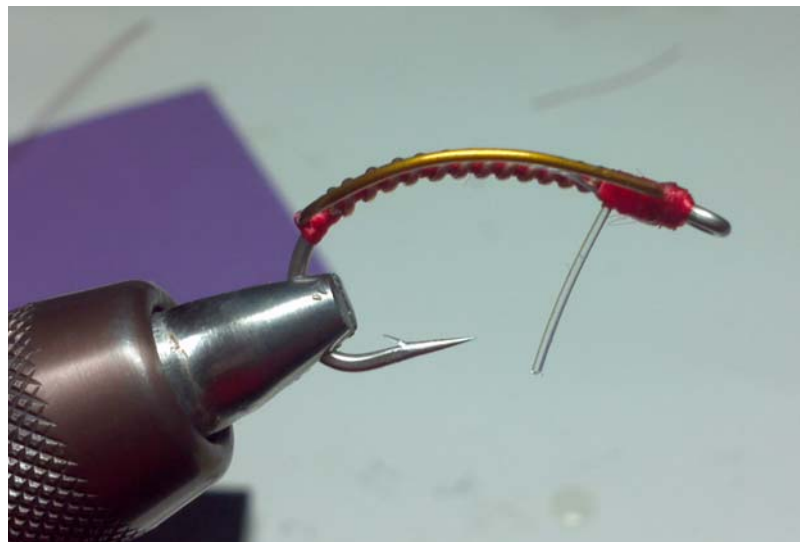
Use the bar like a rolling pin to align the wire frame with the hook shank.

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Sometimes the wire will pull out of the thread wraps and super glue - no problem. There will be a hole where it pulled out. Just reinsert it. That's why we super glued it. The epoxy will secure it in place later.

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After this step your spoon should like like this from the side.



This is important! Put a few coats of hard as nails or similar on the hook shank and wrapped copper wire (not the frame wire). This will allow you to keep your glitter separated later.

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Have some coffee while the glue dries.

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Mix a small amount (a skosh) of 30 minute epoxy with lots of gold and silver glitter (to your specs). This color will show on the bottom side of the hook (hook bend side).

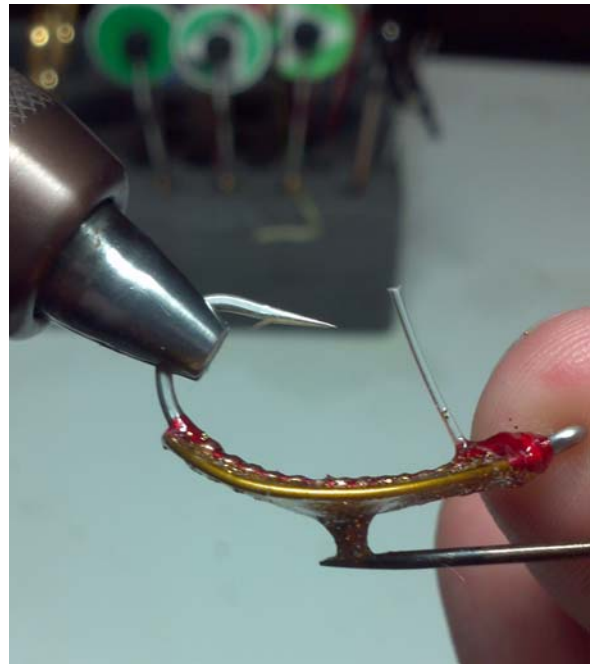
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Apply the epoxy/glitter mix from the top (as shown below). You have to put it on thick and drag it from front to back of the hook quickly in order to help the epoxy span the gaps. The epoxy will be thick and all over everything. That's ok, we're going to remove some of it.



Use your bodkin to remove material as shown

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Once you get some material attached to the bodkin, pull it away slowly and turn your vice so that it breaks from the copper wire, not straight from the gaps between the frame wires.

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Leave only enough material to span the gaps. If you let it dry a little before this step you can remove more epoxy and keep the spoon light.



Use something like the swab I show here (from Hobby Lobby) to clean the epoxy, glitter from the hook shank. This is easy if you have thinned out the epoxy and the shank is protruding like a spine from the spoon.

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Do this on both sides of the spoon.

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You may have to remove the final pieces of glitter with your bodkin (if you're as anal as I am) until it looks like the picture at the bottom of this page.

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Put it on a drier, making sure it doesn't bulk up unevenly as it turns.

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Note ** On the hook bend side, the inside wire frame should be concealed. Dry the epoxy so that it does not show. It can show on the top side as it does here.



Mix the color glitter you want on the top side (or just use a marker on the top side)

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Use bodkin to get a bead of epoxy



Drop a bead on each side of the hook shank on the top side



Spread it evenly using your bodkin. Be as precise as you wish.

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Put it on the drier and check every five minutes for uniform drying



Use thread or lacquer if you want a head on it.

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I have trouble with thread because of the angle of the frame wire, so I like to use lacquer



Apply a thin, final coat of epoxy and dry

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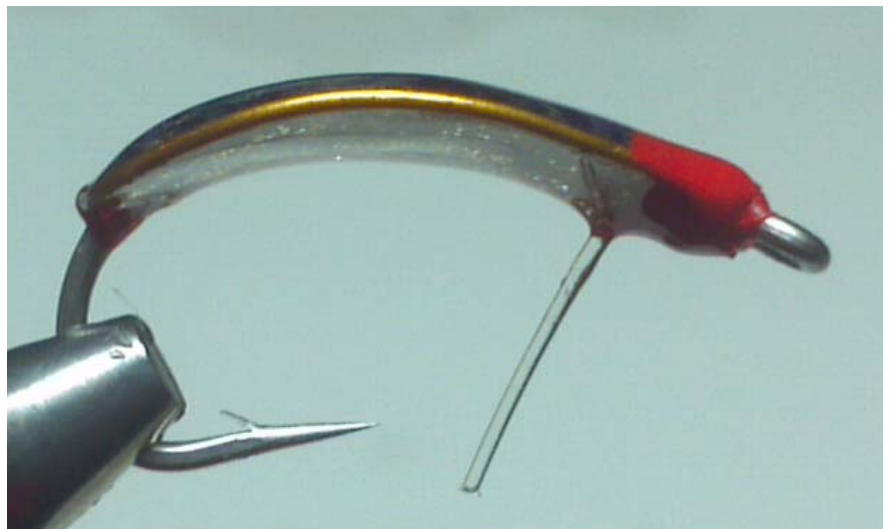


Put a coat of Hard as Nails on the finished fly for protection

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Show your wife your masterpiece and refuse to make her a pair of matched earrings when she asks. Making jewelry will cost you your Man Card.



I did not receive any instruction from Mr. Waldner for this fly. Please do not interpret this as his method or version of the fly. He does a much better job at it than I ever will.