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Brass Nymph Beads

For making "Bead Head Nymphs." Metal bead with single hole through it which is larger on one side than the other. When attaching, put the 'small' end on first then push the bead around the bend to the eye. Some please put at least a few turns of lead behind the bead and then push it into the larger side of the hole. This method holds the bead in place and, of course, more heavily weights the fly.

These brass beads come in a variety of colors. Gold is the most commonly used, but but I'm going to go out on a limb and say copper is often more effective according to some who've studied this issue. Give it a try if you don't already. Use in on some flies with matching copper wire for ribbing. Also available are silver and black, as well as some anodized with green, brown and other colors.

You'll want to make sure you have the correct size to fit the hook you're using. The chart below is a good guide.

Hook Size Chart for Bead Size

Size	Hook Size
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XXsmall (2/32)	20, 22
Xsmall (3/32)	16, 18
Small (4/32)	14, 16
Med (5/32)	10, 12
Large (6/32)	6, 8

Important Tip: If a fly recipe calls for a 'standard' nymph hook and you want to add a bead to the pattern, try a 1X nymph hook to give you a bit more room. This will make it a bit easier for beginners and I use it for many of my nymph patterns

TUNGSTEN NYMPH BEADS

These are gaining in popularity. They're twice as heavy as brass and even a bit heavier than lead. But before you run out to replace all your brass beads, know that there are some drawbacks. For instance, a 'heavier' fly is not necessarily a 'better' fly. Some nymphs may look more natural moving in the current without the extra weight, which sometimes means extra drag on the tippet and leader. Also, they're more expensive to buy. But if you need the extra weight to get down in fast moving water or want to get to the bottom more quickly, these can be a terrific plus.

I'll repeat the same chart for tungsten as we used for brass beads to give you general guideline for sizing.

Hook Size Chart for Bead Size

Size	Hook Size
XXsmall (2/32)	20, 22
Xsmall (3/32)	16, 18
Small (4/32)	14, 16
Med (5/32)	10, 12
Large (6/32)	6, 8

As with the brass beads, we have a variety of colors, with gold being by far the most popular. Also available are "Nymph-Head" tungsten beads which have protrusions on each side of the head, ostensibly to suggest an eye. The 'eye' can be painted for a more realistic look or just left alone. These

are fun to use and add a bit of extra weight as well, if that is important to you. These are available in the conventional colors as well as green, orange, red, blue . . . you get the point.

There are also beads made of glass and other materials which are available in just about every color imaginable. Don't be shy about trying these out and inventing new fly patterns of your own.

HOOR GLASS EYES



These can be of lead or machined brass. These eyes are perfectly symmetrical and center themselves on the hook. There are some really cool ones with glass or plastic 'sparkle eyes' on each end. These are realistic and fun to use and worth a try and look like the photo on the left.

Hook Size Chart for Hour Glass Eyes

Size	Hook Size
Med	4 - 6
Large	1/0 - 2
X-large	1/0 & Larger

CONEHEADS

This is a tapered weight in the shape of a cone. Very popular on wooly buggers and similar streamers. Colors are the standard fare of gold, silver and black (nickel).

Hook Size Chart for Cone Heads

Size	Hook Size
Xsmall (5/32)	12 - 14
Small (3/16)	8 - 10
Medium (7/32)	4 - 6
Large (1/4)	2 & Larger

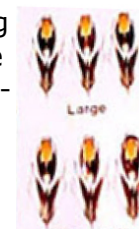
LEAD EYES

Dumb-bell shaped plain lead eyes that may be used as is or painted which are natural weights desired for fast sinking flies.

Size	Diameter (32nd)	Weight (oz)
Mini	4	.01
XS	5	.02
S	6	.03
M	7	.04
L	8	.06
XL	9	.10

IMITATION JUNGLE COCK EYES

Laser scanned images of actual jungle cock eyes. An inexpensive alternative to the real thing and very real looking. These are actually very popular. You can buy these as laser scanned (right) images of actual jungle cock eyes or of the hand-painted variety (left).



Size	Hook
Small	10 - 12
Medium	6 - 8
Large	2 - 4

STICK ON EYES

Prepunched, peel and stick eyes. Can be used as is or applied to fly, then covered with epoxy to give a real fish eye appearance. Available in white with black pupils and yellow with black pupils

STICK ON PRISMATIC EYES

Prepunched, peel and stick eyes. Black pupil with prismatic backgrounds in silver, gold or red.

BEAD CHAIN

Very popular, lighter in weight than hour glass eyes, realistic and easy to use. Available in gold and silver

AUDIBLE EYES

These are the kind of plastic eyes you'd find on a child's doll where the pupils move when shaken. Fun to use and will make interesting baitfish imitations and attractor patterns.

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