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My absolute favorite bugger is olive with a gold bead head, and a little bit of green flashy material, anywhere from size 8 down to a 4. I usually fish them with 4x and maybe 5x tippet.

My next favorite is brown with a gold bead and some flash.

Other than that I like small black ones.

Fish them after it rains, for the next few days, like right now in the SE region. If I'm going to use a heavy bugger I use it where my other stuff can't go....deep.

I like to cast them upstream of a hole or deep run, giving them time to dive down to the bottom as they are drifting down stream towards the hole. And while drifting I always avoid any slack in the line. I let it drift into the hole trying to keep it near the bottom.

I might give it a few twitches and as it passes me and goes further downstream I let it hang in the current a little hitting pockets, when it reaches the end of it's drift I start to strip it in slowly, giving a trout one last chance.

My 4 year old caught his very first brown trout this year using a bugger, because I thought it would be the easiest pattern for him to try on a fly rod.

I picked a spot where there were a few trout holding position in the current and I cast the brown bugger, ((correction, it was a black and purple bugger, now that I think about it, Imagine that)) upstream and had him just hold the rod straight out in the current. I could see the bugger darting about in the current with my polarizers, and saw the trout swim up and take it.

Easy as that.

Also make sure it is a marabou tail bugger, they are the kind with the fluffy feathery material trailing behind the hook.