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A lot of bead patterns have the bead in the thorax or center. It can hide the bead, make the profile a little different (thicker at the thorax), and make the balance of the fly different. Some tiers are beginning to get away from a large bead at the head (see Charlie Craven's Two Bit Hooker fly). Weight on the head gives a fly more of a jigging action; weight in the middle helps it stay more horizontal. However, the term beadhead wouldn't necessarily apply - but I don't think there is a standard name for a beaded fly with it somewhere else. One craft fur streamer has the bead near the bend of the hook, which makes the fly wobble a little when stripped.