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Dude,

I've caught many wild fish from the Valley and Saucon, as well as other wild trout streams on bead head nymphs mostly, small BHHE & BHPT and thread midge pupa. I tie them a little differently than most of the BHs you would buy. I use a bead a lot smaller (1.5-2mm) beads, in mostly in copper and black for size 18-22. The copper bead adds a little flash and weight, but is not overpowering. The black bead with natural or olive hares ear dubbing looks a lot like a free living caddis larva when tied slim, and tied bulkier with soft hackle resembles a caddis pupa and/or a mayfly nymph. Also small beads work well on thread bodied midge pupa patterns with a wire rib. I also wind a few turns of .010 lead wire and tuck it into the bead for added weight on some patterns. A curved pupa hook like the TMC 2457 or 2487 work well for these patterns and allow you to use smaller beads with these wider gap hooks.

I would rank the fly pattern used as the third most important thing for success in catching spooky wild trout. Number one is stealth – if you spook them you have no chance. Number two is presentation - a drag free drift or properly controlled movement of the fly without spooking the fish is also essential.

These bead head flies work for me on wild trout, and are actually my go to flies for a good part of the year.