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Re: Soft Hackle Question

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BelAirSteve wrote:

....an iridescent glass bead behind the soft hackle (where you tie a small thorax normally) might serve as the "bubble" that is represented in an emerger pattern. Thoughts, comments, opinions?

It's a good idea and, as others have mentioned, experimenting with fly design is good stuff.

With that said, don't use a bead too large. The further back on the shank the bead is placed, the more it tends to close off the bite of the hook and reduce hooking effectiveness. Personally, if it were me, I'd tie the bead to the top of the shank with a tight mono loop rather than actually putting the bead on the shank. This will allow you to use a smaller bead and keep it out of the hook bite. I have been attaching small beads meant to represent egg sacs on my scuds this way for years and it has worked well for me.