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There has been a lot of talk lately about Hellgrammite patterns so I thought I would throw this one up on the Fly Tying Forum. This is Murray's Hellgrammite pattern designed by Harry Murray. He refers to it as Murray's Lead Eye Hellgrammite in his book " Fly Fishing Techniques for Smallmouth Bass". Harry Murray is a master smallmouth bass fisherman from Virginia. This pattern has been a big producer for me so far this WW season. Here is how I tie them.

Hook - #8 2 or 3XL Nymph Hook

Tail - Black Ostrich Herl

Body - Black Chenille

Rib - fine copper wire

Hackle - Brown Saddle Hackle

Eyes - Dumbell Eyes (Clouser style)

Pincers - Medium Black Rubber Legs

Thread - 6/0 Black

I put up a picture of one of my new ties and one that has caught over 30 fish (combined SMB, Rock Bass and Redbreast Sunnies) over the past few weeks. I counter wrap the fine copper wire over the palmered hackle for durability. The herl tail has proven to be extremely durable with great movement. The last photo is a smallie that I caught this afternoon on my way home from work on the same well used fly that I have pictured in this post. This is a great pattern! Give it a shot on your favorite smallie stream.

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