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Try the Coffee Bean Beetle

Years ago there was an article in Fly Tyer, I Think, that presented this pattern.

It's simple and it brings two of my loves - coffee and fly fishing, together. I tied some of these up and they caught fish for me on spring creek. They float very nicely too. These are fun to make and if you have kids they can have fun painting the beans.

1. Select and wash coffee beans of various sizes. I just washed them with diluted dish soap. Let them air dry. Its best to select a lighter roast that isn't too oily. French roast isn't the best choice.
2. Tie on six legs of some sort. I prefer black crystal flash, but you could use span-flex or small rubber legs or black deer hair.
3. Super glue the coffee bean to the hook.
4. It could be done now - but I painted mine in bright patterns with acrylic artist paints for increased visibility. After painting I varnished with some head cement. You could do this step prior to gluing to the hook if you prefer.