

# FLY OF THE MONTH

## Red Snowcone Chironomid

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Thread: Black UTC 70 denier or 8/0  
Hook: TMC 2457 sizes 10 -12  
Body: Red floss  
Rib: White (reversed wrapped) & red (forward wrapped) Ultra Wire  
Thorax: Extra turns of red Ultra wire tied off with black thread  
Head: White tungsten bead

This fly, aka, Red Ice Cream Cone, is a pattern of Kelly Davison. It should be a producer on Crane Prairie as well as other high Cascade lakes. You might try this as a dropper off of a hopper or stone pattern. You could also use it in tandem with other wet fly patterns.

### Step-By-Step Tying Directions

1. Place the white tungsten bead on the hook and mount the hook in the vise (Fig. 1.) Move the bead to the rear of the hook and attach the thread at the front. Wrap a thread base at the front (Fig.2.) Tie off the thread, apply some head cement over the thread base and push the bead forward to the eye of the hook. Reverse wrap some lead or non-lead wire behind the tungsten bead and push the wraps forward into the space at the back of the tungsten bead (Fig. 3.)

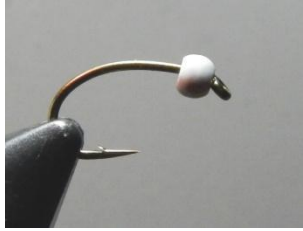


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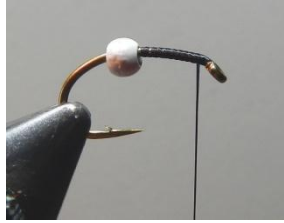


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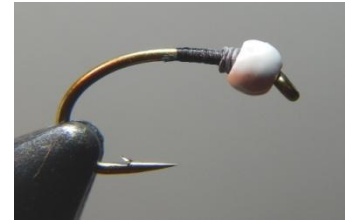


Fig. 3

2. Re-attach the tying thread and wrap a thread base back well into the bend of the hook (Fig. 4.) Return the thread to behind the bead. Select a convenient length of red and white Ultra Wire. Attach the Ultra Wires on the underside so the white is on the far side and the red is on the bottom closest to you. If you have a rotary as in the figure, you can turn the fly upside down to help keep the wires in alignment as you tie them down. Tie them down onto the shank while you take the thread well into the bend (Fig. 5.) Wrap the tying thread forward to behind the white bead.

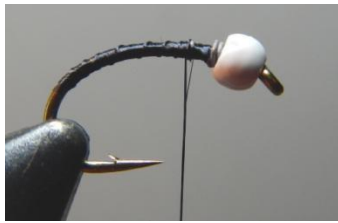


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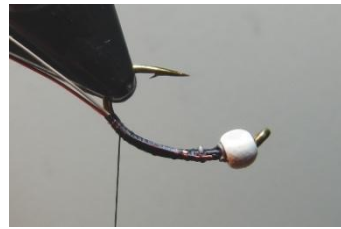


Fig. 5

3. Attach the red floss behind the white bead, trim the waste (Fig.6), and wrap the floss down to the wire using side by side turns. Reverse the tying direction and bring the floss forward using overlapping wraps to generate a tapered body (Fig. 7.)



Fig. 6



Fig. 7

4. Reverse wrap the white wire forward and tie off behind the bead (Fig. 8.) Instead of cutting the wire with your scissors, wiggle the wire back and forth while maintaining tension on the bobbin thread. The wire will eventually weaken and break. Make another wrap or two of thread over the end of the wire. Forward wrap the red wire and make several additional wraps at the front behind the bead to form a red wire thorax (Fig. 8.). Tie off the red wire and wiggle it back and forth until it breaks off (called worrying off the wire.) Form the front of the thorax with two sets of whip finish knots containing three wraps each. Trim off the thread waste and apply head cement the thread wraps.

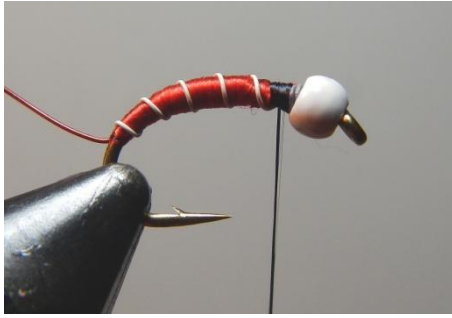


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