

# On The Fly

## January 2004

"Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate"

### **PATTERN OF THE MONTH – Egg-Sucking Leech, Lead Eye**

Hook: 3X long nymph.  
Thread: Fluorescent orange 6/0.  
Tail: Strip of black rabbit fur over several strands of pearl crystal flash.  
Body: Black sparkle chenille  
Hackle: Soft black, tied in by the tip and palmered forward.  
Eyes: Chrome lead barbell and fluorescent orange chenille.  
Head: Fluorescent orange thread.



This pattern is a fast-sinking version of the Egg Sucking Leech and was developed by Joe Howell. This winter pattern displays a touch of hot color and flash at the head and can penetrate deeper in fast water. Another variation with a fluorescent green and green crystal flash tail, can be tied for highly discolored water.

### **TYING TIPS- winter fingers**

There is nothing more frustrating than fraying floss or thread with rough skin on your fingers, especially during the winter months. Besides a good hand cream, I keep an emery board handy at my bench and with a couple of rubs my fingers are smooth enough not to fray even delicate silk flosses