

# Tying the Quick Taddy

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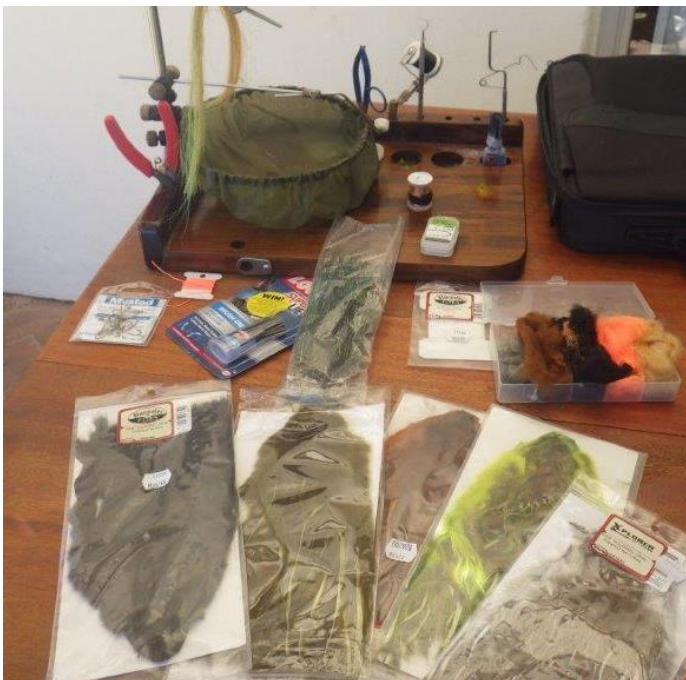


The Salmo Taddy is a killer dragonfly imitation designed by Wayne Stegen. Even if you lose the tail hackle which Wayne now does the fly is a slow tie. It takes Wayne about 15 minutes to complete one fly. That is to long for me. This is a stripped down thinner version of his fly that catches fish for me and takes about 5 minutes to tie. It also uses the ordinary Grip Deepwater fly hook that is about 20% cheaper than the jig hook that Wayne uses.

## Material List

- Grip #8 Deepwater 12803 wet fly hook.
- Black Danville 8/0 thread waxed.
- Small black bead chain.
- Superglue.
- Olive Crystal Flash.
- Orange flouro backing.
- Medium copper wire.
- Black Antron dubbing.
- Black Pine Squirrel Mask zonker.
- White antron yarn.

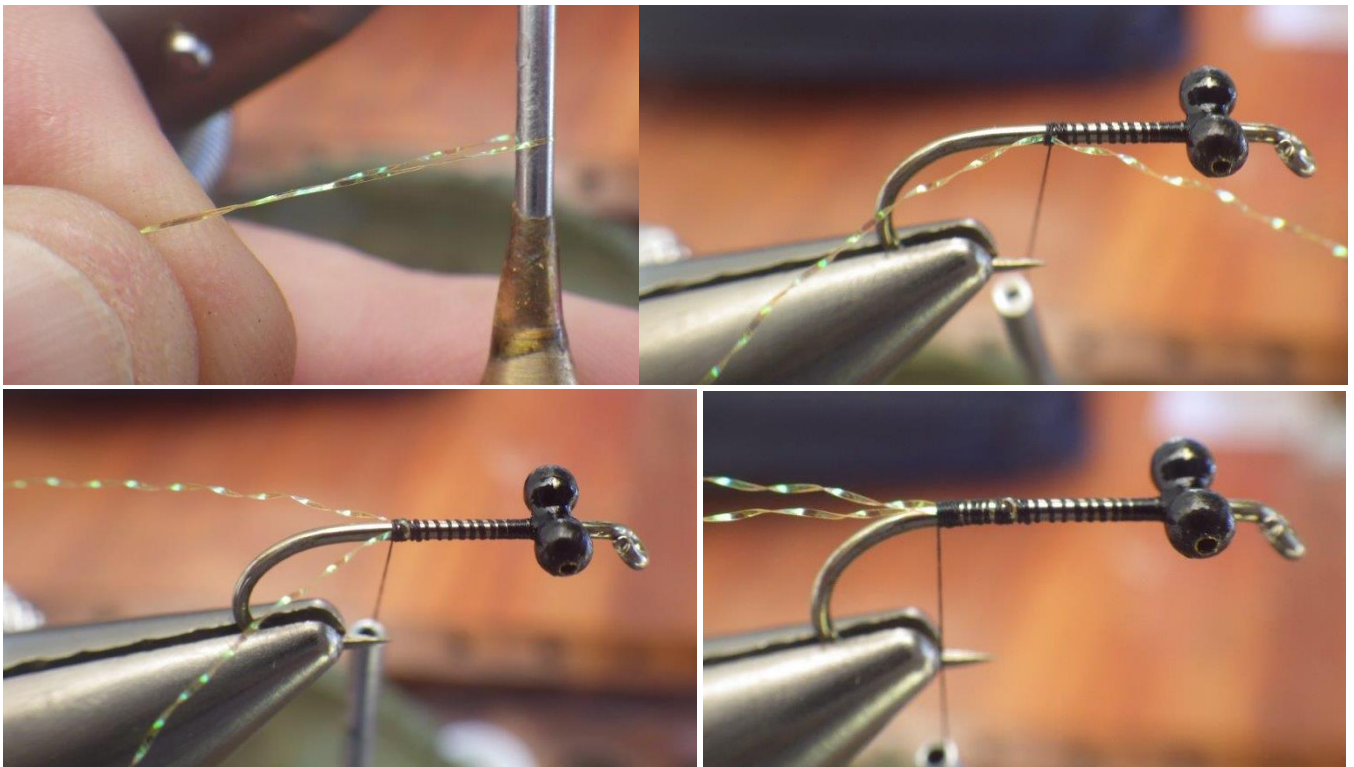
**Note I have tied this fly in black but it works just as well in brown or olive green or even chartreuse.**



## Steps 1 & 2



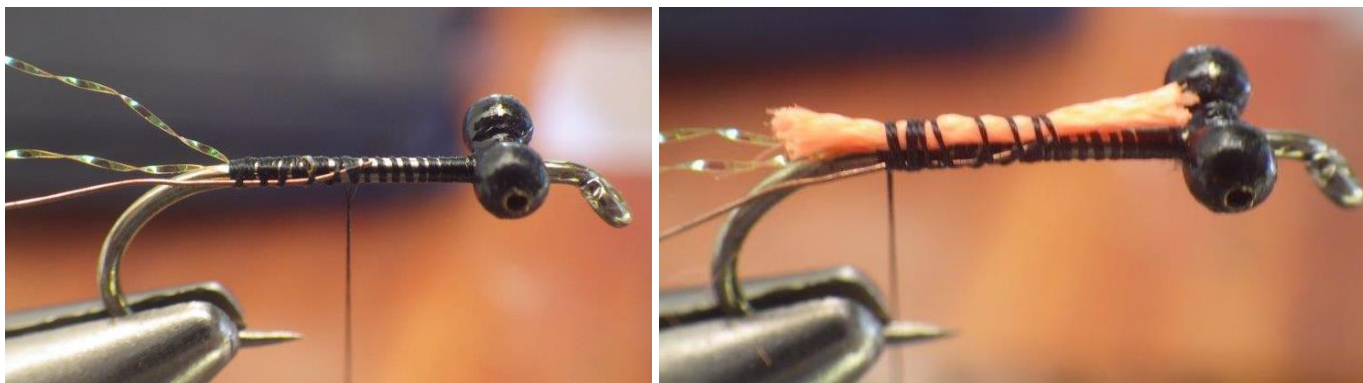
Tie in tie bead chain eye on top of the hook about 3mm behind the eye and secure with a drop of superglue. Tie in the olive (dark blue or black may also be used) Crystal Flash by looping it around the Bobbin holder tube as shown, then pull it up onto the thread and tie in one strand on each side of the hook again as shown. Tie in back to in line with the barb of the hook.



## Steps 3 & 4







Tie in medium copper wire and a short tag of the orange fluoro backing. This can be obtained from most fly fishing shops. It is optional and is used as a trigger especially in winter.

**Handy Tip:** To keep your wire and thread from unravelling, use Velcro cable tie tape. It works a treat.

### Step 5

The in a small tag of zonker as a top tail and wrap back to the base of the tail.



### Step 6



Dub a noodle of antron dubbing onto your thread and wrap forward thickening the body slightly towards the eyes. Another way is to replace the antron with peacock herl.

#### Step 7



Turn the hook over, cut 3cm strip of zonker and spike the hook trough it leaving about a 1.2cm piece sticking out behind the hook with the underside of the zonker facing backwards.

#### Step 8



Pull the zonker forward and tie of just behind the bead eye using 2 or 3 tight wraps. Cut off and use a couple of figure of eights to tie the tag down.

#### Step 9







Rib the Zonker using the copper wire. The dental pick shown, a gift from Ed Herbst, is a handy tool for this job. Tie off in front of the bead chain eyes. Turn the hook back over.

### Step 10



Take some antron yarn and make a small loop. Tie in behind the eye on the side of the hook with two tight turns in order to create a cheek. Repeat the other side and secure with a figure of eight. Cut off excess material.

### Step 11





Dub head with antron dubbing wrapping around the eyes to start with but finishing with a couple of figure of eights. Whip finish and tie off.

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