

## Adding eye color to Nymph-Head™ beads

Nymph-Head™ beads are very versatile and provide the Fly Tyer with the option to add color to the 3D “nymph eyes” on the finished fly. Adding color typically enhances the realistic effect of the eyes, but this is purely a personal choice and often dependant on the pattern being tied and the end result that the tier is trying achieve.



Eye color can be added in a number of ways, but the most common method is by using a good quality, permanent, water-proof marker or an oil-based, fine tip paint marker. Our personal preference is the DecoColor™ extra fine tip paint marker which is oil-based and leaves a realistic, glossy finish to the nymph eyes

In this example, we will be coloring the eyes of this Copper John in black.



1. Turn the fly in the vise, so the eye is facing upwards.
2. Carefully touch the paint marker to the middle of the eye and hold in position for a split second.  
(Note: just touch the eye, do not try and “paint it”)
3. A paint bubble will immediately form over the molded eye, and nothing else is required.
4. Turn the fly over and repeat on the other eye
5. The process is completed

Notes on drying time:

- When using a paint marker, best results are achieved if you leave the eyes to dry for a full 24 hrs.
- When using a permanent, waterproof marker, the eyes dry within a few seconds.

