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## Off The Vise: "Ant"

- George Harris



**#18 Ant. Photographed under a magnifying glass while held in the J-Vise, midge jaws.**

Materials:

Grip 11011BL #18

Dubbing –Dark Brown or Black Dubbing

CDC – Tan or white

Method:

1. Layer hook with thread

2. Advance thread to the rear of hook
3. Add dubbing to your thread and dub an abdomen
4. Advance thread to midpoint of hook
5. Add CDC as a wing and a sighter
6. Advance thread to front of hook
7. Add dubbing to your thread and build a small head
8. Leave a gap between the head and abdomen to create segmentation
9. Tie off, making sure to keep the hook eye clear

This is a simple yet very effective pattern.

The complexity relates to its' diminutive size and the threading of the tippet!



I had great success with it in March this year sight casting to spooky Smallmouth Yellowfish, in flat water at Sterkfontein Dam. I managed 9 good fish in a mornings fishing, all around the 4.5lb mark.

Due to the fly's' small size, 6x tippet must be used. The technique was to spot feeding fish then, as quietly and affectively as possible, make a delicate cast at the targeted fish, making sure to lead them sufficiently. Soft hands and a steady head are needed when fishing 6x for these torpedoes.

Enjoy!