

Helpful “Notes” On Using Otter’s “Soft Milking Egg”® Flies or Materials

1. Egg colors may bleed, from one color to another. This is especially true with the darker colors touching the lighter colors. Do not mix egg colors together. Keep finished flies, or loose eggs, separate from one another in your fly box or in separate storage compartments.
2. Some color transfer may be noted on the sides of plastic items, such as zip lock bags or clear plastic fly boxes, especially on the dark Ruby color. *Test your fly boxes* to ensure they so not react with the eggs. The best boxes to use are those by Plano and carried at Wal Mart (3 sizes- \$4 to \$5 each). They have a clear plastic lid, with a ripple foam insert. Neither the plastic nor the ripple foam inserts react with these eggs. Some metal (AL) boxes also may react with some of the colored egg materials.
3. Do not put eggs on any paper that has printing on it-memo’s, newspapers, articles, etc. The eggs will pick up the black print and other color printing from paper and attach to the eggs.
4. The best material to place eggs upon when tying is a glass, ceramic or porcelain dish, or a clear glass pane flat upon your tying bench or desktop. Colors do not bleed onto these materials.
5. Do not store eggs in direct sunlight or strong overhead lights! The Ruby and red colors could fade or turn transparent, as will the blue color. Store in a closed fly box, and away from direct sunlight, and store front windows with sunlight.
6. Fishing with the eggs will not discolor or fade them.
7. Check local and state regulations closely; these eggs are made from a soft rubber compound that is so lifelike they may be restricted on certain fly or catch & release waters. Colorado is legal as of 1-1-2006, as long as no scents are applied to the egg fly. We also understand that Oregon has changed regulations for 2009 on the Deschutes to allow these types of soft, artificial, scent free eggs for legal use. However, check your own state regulations very carefully on your own.
8. These eggs contain NO amino acids, scents, or other fish attractants.
9. Try using **multiple clusters** on larger hooks (#1/0, # 2, and # 4) for large King Salmon or Steelhead for the Northwest, Canada, and Alaska waters.
10. When using the 3 mm and 4 mm egg sizes, thread the egg onto the hook from the point of the barb, rather than the eye of the hook, due to small diameter of these eggs. Then tie a thread base, super glue, and push egg over the thread to the eye. Then take thread under egg to rear of egg, wrap 2 X and then tie in the antron. The same is true for threading the OS 3 Soft Sucker Spawn.
11. Any soft white or other colored egg yarn or antron can be used for the “milking” veil over the egg. Cabela’s and Bass Pro both carry Otter’s Milking Veil which is the best quality product.
12. On larger hooks, #2/0 down to #6 put the egg on first by pushing it through the hook point, instead of over the large eye which may cause tearing.
13. Place a red dot with a permanent color pen on the transparent colored eggs to imitate the red embryo inside the real eggs or a small black dot to imitate the black eyes on advanced fry inside a developing egg. See my new DVD on how to tie red beads inside the eggs for a most realistic pattern, called Otter’s Soft Milking Embryo Egg, or Otter’s E2 pattern.
14. If you can’t find Loktite Super Glue from Wall Mart, it can be obtained at Target for \$3 per bottle. Use the type with the spill proof design and brush inside the bottle.
15. All our products are also available from our web site if you are having difficulty finding products at the stores mentioned. Go to www.softmilkingegg.com for an order form.