

## 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 plastic items, such as zip lock bags or clear plastic fly boxes, especially on the dark Ruby color. *Test your plastic fly boxes* to ensure they so not react with the eggs. The best plastic boxes to use are by Plano and carried at Wal Mart (3 sizes- \$5 to \$6 each). They have a clear plastic lid, with a ripple foam insert. Some metal (AL) boxes also may react with some of the colored egg materials. **Test your fly boxes!**
3. Do not put eggs on 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 materials to place eggs upon when tying is glass, ceramic, a porcelain dish or a clear glass pane flat upon your tying bench or desktop.
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/plastic compound that is so lifelike they may be restricted on certain artificial fly or catch & release waters. Use on Colorado artificial waters is legal as of 1-1-2006
8. These eggs contain NO amino acids, scents, or other fish attractants. They are neutral!
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. The best material to use for the veil is Otter’s Milking Veil . This trilobal sparking antron provides high fiber count, no bulk, and allows egg colors to show through the veil when wet, unlike other materials or yarns.
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”©.
14. Loktite Super Glue is found at Wal Mart, Target or Home Depot for \$3 per bottle. Use the type with the spill proof design with a brush inside the bottle top.
15. All our products are also available from our web site. Go to [www.softmilkingegg.com](http://www.softmilkingegg.com) for an order form. You can pay for an order on line with Pay Pal payable to [brdbreck@aol.com](mailto:brdbreck@aol.com).
16. A light oily residue may be on the eggs from our mold release solution. Wash eggs in mild warm soapy water and then dry them on a paper towel to remove this oil.
17. Our eggs float without a hook-that gives them a very nice drift, unlike heavy beads or glue gun eggs.