

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. As hard as we try for perfection, occasionally you may find a blemish, dimple, or mold mark on the egg. If so, face that small imperfection toward the eye and push it over the eye onto the hook shank. When the veil material is pulled over the egg that blemish will be unnoticeable.
3. 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 do not react with the eggs. **The best plastic boxes to use are by Plano and carried at Wal Mart (3 sizes-\$6 to \$7 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!***
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. **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.
7. Fishing with the eggs will not discolor or fade them.
8. Check local and state regulations closely; these eggs are made from a soft rubber/plastic compound that is so lifelike they may be restricted in certain areas. Use on all **Colorado Artificial Fly and Lure waters was deemed legal by the DOW as of 1-1-2006.**
9. **These eggs contain NO amino acids, scents, or other fish attractants.** They are neutral!
10. 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.
11. On 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. Tie a thread base, super glue and push egg over the thread to the eye. Take thread under egg to rear of egg, wrap 2 X and then tie in the antron.
12. **Otter’s Milking Veil** is a ultra thin trilobal sparking antron with high fiber count and less bulk. It allows egg colors to show through the veil when wet, **unlike other materials or yarns.**
13. 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.
14. See our DVD on how to tie red beads inside the eggs for a most realistic pattern, called Otter’s “**Soft Milking Embryo Egg**”©. It is also on our home page under “**Tying Tips**” at our website.
15. Loktite Super Glue is found at Wal Mart, Target or Home Depot for \$4-\$5 per bottle. Use the type with the spill proof design with a brush inside the bottle top if available.
16. All our products are also available from our web site. Go to **www.softmilkingegg.com** for Online ordering where you can pay for an order on line with Pay Pal or any credit card.
17. 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.
18. Our eggs float without a hook-this gives them a nice drift, unlike most beads or glue gun eggs.