

# Otter's "Soft Milking Egg"® patterns-

## Basics "101"- Making Egg Tying Simple!

These artificial, unscented egg patterns have been available for over 8 years, yet many still have not used them and may need help in tying these deadly patterns. Otter's Eggs are now available in 16 colors in 7 sizes, from the small double egg row in 2 mm (Soft Sucker Spawn), then single eggs from 3 mm, 4 mm, 6 mm, 8 mm, to 10 mm size plus 3 egg clusters of 6 mm. These fulfill all egg sizes, colors or shapes needed to effectively catch trout, steelhead, and all the salmon species. The many colors and translucency of these patterns are "second to none". Using these sizes you can produce egg patterns from as small as on a #20 hook, up to using multiple clusters, looking like real skein, on large 2/0 hooks.

For this basic tying session, we will use the favorite steelhead size 6 mm single egg on a #12 scud hook. The following sequence will allow you to master this simple tie in less than one minute once you get the tying steps down and tie a few dozen.

For more info, go to [www.softmilkingegg.com](http://www.softmilkingegg.com).



"Always in the water and usually catching fish"



**1** From the eye tie a 6/0 thread base equal to the width of the egg (6mm).



**2** Take a small wisp of Otter's Milking Veil, about 1 inch long, and tie on at the middle point of the antron length, at the end of the thread base, all parallel to the hook shank.



**3** Take one half of the veil along the shank and fold it back to the rear, making two "tails" of antron off the rear shank



**4** Put a drop of Super Glue over the thread base.



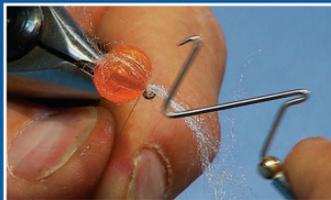
**5** Push the egg onto the eye to the shank of the hook, over the thread wraps and glue. When placing the egg to the eye, keep the eye and shank in the **bottom third** of the egg, so 2/3 of the egg is on **top** of the shank to keep the hook gap between the point and the bottom of the egg wider for better hook-ups.



**6** Take the tying thread under the egg firmly, but do not cut the egg. Tie off 2 wraps at the eye of the hook.



**7** Take most all the antron over the top of the egg past the eye of the hook, in a wide spread leaving a few strands of antron out the rear. Cover about 120 degrees over the top of the egg.



**8** Make two loose wraps of thread over the antron while pulling it tightly to the right. You should be able to see the egg compress from the fine strands of antron pushing down on top of the egg. Keep the antron tight and make two tight thread wraps to "lock" the antron in place while the egg is in full compression. This ensures the egg will stay on the hook for many, many hook ups.



**9** Fold the antron over the top of the egg "marrying" it to the few rear strands.

The finished fly should look like it has real "milk" streaming off a punctured or fertilized egg. A small red dot on the egg adds a final realistic touch to Otter's "Soft Milking Egg"® pattern.

