



Pheasant Tail Nymph

Hook:	Standard Nymph Hook #10- #22
Weight:	lead Wire (optional)
Thread:	6/0 Brown
Tail:	Pheasant Tail
Rib:	Fine Copper Wire
Thorax:	Peacock Herl
Wing Case & Legs:	Pheasant Tail

Tying Instructions

1. Attach thread to the hook shank and tie in a piece of copper wire so it runs along the bottom of the hook shank.
2. Select a clump of pheasant tail fibers and tie them in to form a tail. This tail should be tied in at the bend of the hook and extend about one hook gap back from the tie in point. Do not trim the remaining fibers.
3. Wrap the pheasant tail fibers to a point just in front of the centre point of the hook.
4. Wrap the copper wire in the opposite direction that the pheasant tail fibers were wrapped and tie off at the same place the pheasant was tied off.
5. Take some peacock herl fibers and attach them in front of the pheasant tail fibers. The pheasant tail fibers should be folded back out of the way.
6. The peacock herl can be reinforced with left over ribbing wire or tying thread. Then pull the pheasant tail fibers over the back of the flies thorax to form a wing case. Tie off at the eye of the hook.
7. Take a couple of fibers per side and tie them in along the side of the thorax. Trim the fibers sticking out the front of the fly short and then trim the fibers along the side of the fly so they extend to the back of the wing case.



Tying the wire on the bottom of the hook shank . this will make sure the fly tracks true and the body is neat and even.



The pheasant tail fibers make a neat and slim body that imitates mayflies very well.



Make the body neat and slightly tapered.. thinner at the tail and thicker in the middle of the hook shank.



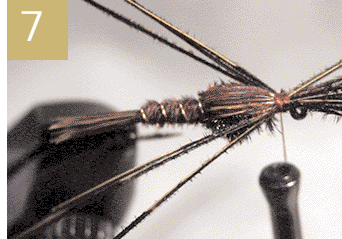
The counter wrapped wire adds reinforcement to the fly and accentuates the segmentation of the fly. It also adds some flash. The original Pheasant Tail Nymph used wire in place of thread.



A full thorax of peacock herl adds a bugginess to the fly that attracts the fishes attention.



The left over pheasant tail from the abdomen will make both the wing case and legs on this pattern.



There are other methods to make the wing case and legs of this fly, but this is the easiest method we have found and the fish seen to relish this pattern.



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