

## BEAD HEAD GOLD-RIBBED HARE'S EAR



### Recipe

Hook..... Nymph, size 8-16

Head..... Gold bead, sized for hook

Thread..... Tan or brown 6/0

Tail..... Hare's mask guard hairs or brown hackle fibers

Rib..... Oval gold tinsel or copper wire

Body..... Hare's ear dubbing (thorax dubbed thicker than abdomen)

Wingcase..... Turkey quill segment (coated with fixative)

1. Place the bead on the hook and tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back to hook bend.
2. Tie-in a small tuft of hare's mask guard hairs at the hook bend to form a tail. Wrap thread over butt ends of the hair to the middle of the hook shank, then cut off the remaining hair butt fibers. Let the thread hang.
3. Tie-in a 2" inch length of oval gold tinsel/copper wire behind the bead as a rib and wrap thread back over it to the hook bend.
4. Apply hare's mask dubbing to the thread and wrap it forward to the middle of the hook shank to form a small tapered abdomen.
5. Counter wrap the rib material forward over the dubbed body in 4-5 open-spiral turns and tie it off with several thread turns. Trim off any excess ribbing.
6. Tie-in a ½" wide turkey quill segment, shiny side down and pointing toward the hook bend, at the front of the abdomen. Snip off the butt end of the quill segment. Let the thread hang.
7. Apply a generous amount of dubbing to the thread and, ensuring that the quill tie-in point is covered, wrap the dubbed thread forward to about one hook eye length behind the hook eye to form a thorax. Ensure that the thorax is more heavily dubbed and thicker than the abdomen.

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8. Pull the turkey quill segment forward over the top of the thorax to just behind hook eye and tie it off with several thread turns to form a wingcase.
9. Form a thread head, whip finish, trim thread and apply head cement. Using dubbing needle, pluck out fibers from the bottom of the thorax to form legs.