

FOX POOPAH



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph 2x long, size 12-18 (Daiichi 1260/Tiemco 200/Tiemco 2312)

Thread.....Brown 8/0

Bead.....Gold 1/8 or 3/32, depending on hook size

Weight.....Lead wire, size .15

Underbody....Pearl Krystal Flash

Rib.....Gold wire, fine

Body.....Olive/Tan/Orange **Ultra chenille**, Med (Do not use rayon chenille)

Legs.....Partridge fibers

Antennae.....Wood duck fibers

Head.....Ostrich herl, brown

1. Flatten the barb on the hook and put it in your vise. Place the bead head on the hook, then make 10-11 wraps of lead wire behind the bead. Push the lead into the back of the bead. Tie-in the thread behind the lead and build a thread ramp against the back of the lead wire. Cover the lead with thread for a smooth body, then wrap the thread back to ½ way down the hook bend.
2. Tie-in a 3-4" piece of gold wire and 3 strands of krystal flash with the length of them going out past the hook bend. Wrap the thread back to behind the bead, covering the wire and krystal flash butts. Trim off any excess butts.
3. Take the three strand of flash and wrap them forward to behind the bead and tie them off. Remove any excess flash material. Move the thread back to 1/8" behind the bead.
4. Cut a 1" piece of chenille and singe one end with a lighter or match so that it tapers to a point. Tie this chenille in 1/8" behind the bead on top of the krystal flash underbody so that the singed end of the chenille extends 1/8" to 1/4" beyond the hook bend. Trim off any excess chenille butt.
5. Take the gold wire and wrap it over the chenille body in 3-5 evenly spaced wraps to behind the bead and tie it off. Trim off any excess wire.

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6. Strip the fuzz from the butt end of a partridge feather. Stroke the fibers back and cut the tip out of the feather, creating a “V” shape in the end of the feather. Place the “V” over the top of the hook shank at the end of the chenille body and tie it in. The feather fibers should be pointing down and back. Trim off the excess feather butt.
7. Cut 2 fibers off a wood duck flank feather. Ensure that you keep the fibers even. Tie them in on top of the body at the same point where the legs were tied-in. The fibers should extend back over the top of the body to slightly beyond the singed tip of the chenille. Trim off any excess fibers.
8. Tie in two ostrich herls by the butt end at the same point where the legs and antennae were tied-in. Wrap the herls forward together to behind the bead and tie them off. Remove any excess herl. Do a whip finish behind the bead and cut the thread.

Fish this fly as an emerger, allowing it to rise from the bottom to the top at the end of the drift.

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