

GREEN DRAKE NYMPH



Recipe

Hook.....Mustad 3906B, sz 10 - 14

Thread.....Black, 6/0 or 8/0

Bead.....Black brass or tungsten bead

Tail.....Black pheasant tail fibers

Body.....Black wire, med or small depending on hook size

Thorax.....Peacock herl

Collar.....Cape or saddle hackle, dark green or green grizzly

1. Place the bead on the hook and place the hook in the vise. Attach the thread slightly behind the bead and wrap a tight thread base back to the bend of the hook.
2. Select 8-10 pheasant tail fibers and tie them in on top of the hook shank at the hook bend as a tail. Wrap over the fiber butts with thread to slightly behind the bead. Remove any excess fiber butts. The tail should be about 1 to 1 ½ times the length of the hook shank in length. *(At this point we are trying to create an even underbody for the wire body, so fill any irregularities with thread to keep things even.)*
3. Cut a 5"- 6" piece of copper wire and place one end inside the back of the bead, then, keeping the wire on the near side of the hook shank, wrap a tight thread base over the wire back to the hook bend. Now reverse the thread and wrap a tight thread base back to behind the bead. Let the thread hang.
4. Grasp the wire and wrap it toward the bead in tight touching turns and tie it off slightly behind the bead, forming a tight wire body. Remove any excess wire.
5. Select 3-4 peacock herls and tie them in by their butts about ¼ of the hook shank behind the bead, then wrap them toward the bead forming a thorax. Make sure to not have any gaps between the wire body and the thorax. The thorax should be thicker than the wire body. Be sure to leave a small space behind the bead for the hackle collar.
6. Select a hackle feather with barbs slightly longer than the hook gap and tie it in by its tip behind the bead. Take 2-4 wraps of hackle behind the bead, then tie it off and remove any excess hackle.
7. Whip finish behind the bead, cut the thread, and cement the thread wraps behind the bead, if desired. **(Be careful to avoid getting cement in the hackle.)**