

## HIGA'S S.O.S.



### Recipe

Hook..... Curved Caddis/Emerger, size 12-18

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

Bead..... Silver/Black Nickel

Tail..... Black pheasant

Rib..... Silver wire, small

Body..... Thread

Wingcase..... Holographic tinsel, red

Thorax..... Awesome Possum dubbing (or equivalent), black

Legs..... Flashabou Accent (or equivalent), black

1. Place the bead on the hook and tie-in the thread behind the bead and take a **few** thread wraps back toward the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 4"-5" piece of ribbing and tie it in by one end where you left the thread. Keeping the wire on top of the hook shank, wrap over it back to halfway down the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Cut 3-4 pheasant tail fibers, and, keeping them on top of the hook shank, tie them in as a tail where you left the thread on the hook bend. The tail should be about a hook gap in length. Keeping the fiber butts on top of the hook shank, make touching thread wraps over them back to behind the hook bead, then reverse direction and wrap back to the tail.
4. Spin the thread counter clockwise to flatten it and wrap back to behind the bead. You may need to wrap back and forth over the hook shank to form a smooth tapered body. End with the thread slightly behind the bead.
5. Grasp the ribbing wire and palmer it forward in 5-6 turns to slightly behind the bead and tie it off. Remove any excess wire.
6. Cut a 2"-3" piece of tinsel and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank slightly

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behind the bead (the length of the tinsel should be going toward the hook bend). Wrap thread back over the tinsel to about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the hook shank behind the bead. Let the thread hang.

7. Dub the thread and wrap it forward to behind the bead to form a thick, bushy thorax and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing.
8. Cut 2 strands legging material (flash) and tie them in by their middle behind the bead, then do two figure eight wraps over/thru them to position them on either side of the thorax. Wrap a few thread wraps over their base to help them lay back. Trim the legs to reach back to just short of the hook bend.
9. Now grasp the tinsel and pull it over the top of the thorax and tie it down behind the bead. Remove any excess tinsel and do a whip finish behind the bead and cut the thread.
10. Apply head cement over the thread wraps.