

HOTWIRED PRINCE NYMPH



Recipe

HookSize 10-20, Tiemco 200R hook (curved shank, 2X long, straight eye)

Thread 6/0 Danville, black

Tail Brown goose biots

Body Medium or small red wire

WeightLead wire to match hook size

Flash Pearl Krystal Flash

Thorax 2-4 peacock herls

Wing Either natural or white goose biots

Legs Partridge soft hackle.

1. Place the hook in your vise, mash down the barb and wrap a tight thread base from 2mm behind the hook eye slightly into the hook bend.
2. Wrap a thread bump just forward of the hook bend with 3-10 wraps of thread to help divide the biot tails. Tie in the 2 brown biots at the bump, placing the convex side of each biot away from the hook shank and parallel to the hook shank. The thread bump should flare the biots apart. To secure the 1st biot, place 2 thread wraps just forward of the thread bump and then adjust the length of the tail to 1/4 to 1/3 the length of the hook shank. Tie in the 2nd biot on the opposite side of the hook with 2 thread wraps and adjust it's length equal to that of the 1st biot.
3. Now tie in the red wire right behind the biot tail at the thread bump (**leave plenty of length - i.e. 3 inches for a size 12 hook**). To provide an even smooth underbody for wrapping the red wire, wrap the thread forward covering the hook shank, biot butts and wire butt with tight thread wraps covering 60% of the hook shank. Remove any excess wire butt. Now wrap the red wire forward in tight touching turns over this thread base to cover 60% of the hook shank.
4. Wrap the lead wire in the thorax region to 2mm behind the hook eye, secure with 6-8 thread wraps back and forth over the lead, mash the lead horizontally with smooth jawed pliers to give the thorax its natural width, then coat the lead with epoxy or super glue.

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5. Tie in 4-8 strands of krystal flash at the **front end** of the red wire abdomen **on top of the hook shank**. Now tie-in 2-4 peacock herls at this same point and then trim off the herl butts. Twist the herls and thread together to form a herl rope, then wrap the rope tightly over the lead wraps to just behind the hook eye and tie it off. Trim off the excess herl rope and let the thread hang.
6. Pull the Krystal Flash forward over the top of the peacock herl thorax and tie it off behind the hook eye. **(Be sure to keep the flash centered on top of the thorax)**. Trim off any excess flash and let the thread hang.
7. Tie in 2 natural or white goose biots behind the hook eye (with the tips extending back over the body of the fly) in an "X" fashion to divide the wings **(their length should extend just beyond the hook bend)**. Secure the biots behind the hook eye with 2-3 thread wraps and trim off the butt ends.
8. For the legs, select a partridge soft hackle or a brown hen hackle of the desired size. Tie the hackle feather in by the tip with the concave side of the feather to the rear and palmer it around the hook shank 2 times and secure it with 3-4 thread wraps. Tie off the thread with 3 half hitches, cut the thread and apply head cement.
9. Now carefully trim the hackles from the top half of the hook shank - tight to the wraps - so that only the lower -- "side" hackles and "underbelly" hackles remain as the "legs". You're done!

Note: Fish this nymph dead-drift with or without a strike indicator as your skill level allows.

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