

ISONYCHIA NYMPH



Recipe

Hook..... Long curved nymph, size 12-14

Bead..... Black, sized for hook

Weight..... Lead wire, .015-.020

Thread..... Dark brown

Tail..... Pheasant tail fibers

Rib..... Gold/Copper wire, small

Abdomen..... Pheasant tail fibers

Wing case... Pheasant tail fibers

Thorax..... Awesome Possum dubbing, Dark Brown or equivalent

Coating..... UV resin

1. Place the bead on the hook, then wrap 12-15 wraps of lead onto the hook shank and shove it into the back of the bead. Remove any excess lead. You can apply super glue to the lead wraps to secure them, if you desire. Let the thread hang.
2. Tie in the thread directly behind the lead wraps and wrap a thread ramp behind the lead wraps to ease the transition from the hook shank up to the wire. Remove any thread tag. Let the thread hang.
3. Cut a 4"-5" piece of ribbing wire and tie it in by one end directly behind the lead wraps, then wrap tight thread wraps over the wire back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
4. Cut 5-6 fibers off a pheasant tail feather and even the tips. Tie these fibers in tightly on top of the hook shank at the hook bend as a tail. The tail should be slightly longer than the hook gap. Lift the fiber butts and wrap the thread forward to a point about 1/3 of the hook shank behind the bead head. Let the thread hang.
5. Twist the fiber butts slightly and wrap them forward up the hook shank to where you left the thread and tie them off creating an abdomen. Remove any excess butts. *(This is kinda like tying the body on a pheasant tail nymph.)*
6. Grasp the rib material and counter wrap it forward over the pheasant tail abdomen in 7-8 wraps and tie it off in front of the abdomen. Remove any excess wire.

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7. Now cut 8-10 pheasant tail fibers and tie them in by one end directly on top of the hook shank behind the bead head, then wrap tight thread wraps over them back to in front of the abdomen. Keep the fibers on top of the hook shank. Let the thread hang.
8. Dub the thread and wrap a generous thorax between the front of the abdomen and the back of the bead. End with the thread behind the bead. Let the thread hang.
9. Grasp the wingcase fibers and pull them over the top of the thorax and tie them down tightly directly behind the bead head. Remove any excess wingcase fibers and do a whip finish behind the bead head and cut the thread.
10. Apply a light coat of UV resin to the top of the wingcase and the back of the bead head and cure it. If needed, use a bodkin to distribute the resin over the wingcase before curing it.
11. Brush the thorax to pull down fibers to be legs.
12. At your option, you can use needle nose pliers to flatten the abdomen to more closely resemble the real fly.