

## BEAD HEAD PHEASANT TAIL SOFT HACKLE



### Recipe

Hook.....Nymph 2xl, size 12 – 18

Thread.....Black or Brown 6/0

Head.....Brass or gold bead

Tail.....Pheasant tail fibers

Rib.....Copper wire

Abdomen..Pheasant tail fibers

Thorax.....Peacock herl

Collar.....Hungarian Partridge

1. Take a bead and slide it on the hook to behind the hook eye. Then place the hook in the vise so that the hook eye is angled slightly down. This will help keep the bead at the front.
2. Tie-in the thread behind the bead and wrap it back to the hook bend.
3. Select 6 long fibers from a pheasant tail feather, cut them off and align the tips as a tail.
4. Tie-in this tail at the bend with several tight overlapping thread turns. (The tail should be approximately half the hook shank in length.) Do not trim off the excess fibers.
5. Now take a 2-3" inch piece of copper wire and tie it in by one end at the same point as the tail.
6. Lift the butt ends of the pheasant tail fibers and wrap the thread 2/3d's of the way up the hook shank toward the hook eye. Be sure to cover the tag end of the copper wire as you wrap forward. Let the thread hang.

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7. Grasp the pheasant tail fibers and loosely twist them into a rope, then wrap this rope 2/3d's of the way up the hook shank as an abdomen and tie it off. Trim off the excess fibers. Let the thread hang.
8. Grasp the copper wire and wrap it counterclockwise over the fiber body in 4-5 evenly spaced concentric turns. Tie it off at the end of the abdomen and trim off the excess wire.
9. Take 3-4 peacock herl fibers, align them by the tips, then trim off the the trash at the butt ends. Now tie them in by the base at the front of the abdomen with the length of the herl reaching back toward the tail. Twist the herls around the thread to make a herl rope and wrap it to just behind the bead to form a thorax and tie it off. Trim off the excess herl. The thorax should be thicker that the abdomen.
10. Select a partridge feather with barbs about twice the length of the hook gap and strip the fluff from the base. Grasp it by the tip and stroke all the fibers back toward the base of the feather, then tie it in by the tip right behind the bead. Grasp the butt of the feather with hackle pliers, stroke all the fibers to one side, and make a wrap of hackle right behind the bead. Stroking the fibers back with each hackle wrap, make a total of three wraps behind the bead, then tie off the hackle feather and remove any excess.
11. Do a whipfinish right behind the bead and cut the thread.