

CLOUD EMERGER



Recipe

Hook..... Emerger, size 12-14
Thread..... Olive, 6/0 or 8/0
Tail..... Z-Ion/Antron, Brown
Body.....Dubbing, Awesome Possum, Rusty brown
Wingcase.....Goose feather, natural
Thorax.....Peacock herl and Snowshoe rabbit
Head.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie in the thread slightly behind the hook eye, then wrap a tight thread base back to between the hook point and the hook barb. Remove any thread tag. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 1"-2" piece of tail material and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank where you left the thread. Continue wrapping over the material down the hook bend so that the tail takes on a **slight** downward angle, then reverse thread direction and wrap it back toward the hook eye over the material to create a smooth underbody. Return the thread to in front of the tail. Trim the tail to be about a hook gap in length.
3. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered body covering the **rear 2/3rds** of the hook shank. Remove any excess dubbing.
4. Now cut a hook gap wide segment of goose quill and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank at the front of the dubbed body. The length of the segment should be going back toward the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
5. Select one long peacock herl and tie it in on the near side of the hook shank at the front of the quill segment. Let the thread hang.
6. Cut a small clump of snowshoe rabbit fur and remove the long guard hairs, then cut off the fluff at the bottom of the clump. Now set the hair clump aside.
7. Now apply dubbing wax to 3"-4" of the thread. Take the clump of fur that you had set aside and "pinch" dub the hair to the waxed part of the thread. (In pinch dubbing, all you are going to do is **touch** a sparse "pinch" of the hair to the waxed

thread, not twist it. Keep the dubbing pinches very thin or they will all fall off the thread.)

8. Now form a dubbing loop by placing your dubbing loop tool at the bottom of the dubbed section of the thread, then pulling more thread out to go back to the hook shank in front of the quill segment. Now grasp the peacock herl and thread it **into** the dubbing loop and pull it taught beside the dubbing loop. Now, with the peacock threaded into the dubbing loop, slowly spin the dubbing loop and the herl together into a hair/herl chenille.
9. Wrap this chenille in touching turns from tight against the front of the quill segment to slightly behind the hook eye forming a plush thorax and tie it off. Remove any excess chenille. The thorax will look like a mess, but that is how you want it to look.
10. Fold the Goose feather over the top of the thorax and lightly pinch together the feather so it looks like the thorax is splitting open. Loosely make a wrap with your thread and pull upward to tighten the thread. Take a few additional wraps, trim the Goose feather close and whip finish.