

LITTLE BLACK STONEFLY - GUIDE STYLE



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph, long shank, 3-4XL, sizes 18-8
Thread.....Black, 6/0 or 8/0
Tail/Antenna.....Black round rubber leg material or equivalent
Abdomen.....Black stretch tubing or similar material
Wing Case.....Pheasant tail fibers, natural or black
Thorax.....Dark Hare's Ear dubbing (Natural fur is best)
Head.....Thread

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the bend of the hook, then wrap it forward again to slightly behind the hook eye. Remove any thread tag.
2. Cut a 4" to 5" piece of legging material and fold it half. Form a small loop (at least a hook shank in length) at the fold point and tie the legging material in behind the hook eye, on top of the hook shank, with the loop projecting **in front** of the hook eye. Keeping the butt ends of the legging material **on top** of the hook shank, wrap a tight thread base over them back to the hook bend, then wrap the thread forward again to about 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the hook eye. **DO NOT CUT OFF THE REMAINING LEG MATERIAL** as it will become the tail. Trim the remaining butts so that they are about the length of **the hook**. Insert your scissors into the material loop at the hook eye, stretch the loop forward, then cut it apart creating two antenna. Trim the antenna so that they are a little less than a hook shank in length.
3. Cut a 5" piece of tubing and tie it in by one end about 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the hook eye, then, keeping the tubing on top of the hook shank, make tight thread wraps over it back to the hook bend. Return the thread to the 1/3rd point, then grasp the tubing and, maintaining a little tension, wrap it in touching turns forward to the 1/3rd point and tie it off. Trim off any excess tubing.
4. Now cut about 8-12 fibers from a pheasant tail and tie them in on top of the hook shank by their butt ends at the front of the tube abdomen. Trim off any excess butts. Wrap the thread over the butts back to the 1/3rd point of the hook shank, then return the thread back to behind the hook eye. The pheasant tail fibers should now be on top of the hook shank stretching back toward the hook bend.

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5. Dub the thread creating a **thin** dubbing noodle and wrap it back to the wingcase tie-in point (be sure to cover all the wing case thread wraps) and then back to behind the hook eye creating a small thorax. Remove any excess dubbing. The thread should now be behind the hook eye.
6. Grasp the pheasant tail fibers and pull them over the top of the thorax and tie them down tightly behind the hook eye. Trim off any excess fibers.
7. Form a small thread head, do a whip finish (*be careful not to tie down the antenna*) and cut the thread. Take a dubbing brush and brush down legs from the thorax. If desired, coat the wing case with a drop of head cement for added durability.