

BLUEGILL BOMBER



Recipe

Hook.....Wet, size 8 - 14

Thread.....Black 6/0 or 8/0

Body.....Brown or Olive rayon chenille, medium or Peacock Krystal Flash Chenille, medium

Rib.....Copper wire

Wing.....Pheasant body feather (aka: Church window)

Hackle.....Hen, brown

1. Attach the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the middle of the hook shank and remove any thread tag.
2. Tie-in a 3"- 4" piece of copper wire by one end (the length of the wire should extend back over the hook bend) where you stopped the thread base. Keeping the wire on top of the hook shank, wrap over it with tight thread wraps back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Cut a 3"- 4" piece of chenille and strip one end to the core. Tie the chenille in by the stripped core at the hook bend and wrap it forward in touching turns toward the hook eye covering the rear 3/4s of the hook shank. Tie it off and remove any excess chenille.
4. Wrap the copper wire forward in evenly spaced turns as a rib to the front end of the chenille body and tie it off. Remove any excess wire.
5. Select a pheasant body feather and remove the fluff. Strip off the fibers from the base so that you are left with a feather tip that is as wide as the fly body. Trim the top of the remaining tip so that it is flat across the top. Tie the feather in by its butt as a wing case **on top** of the hook shank at the front end of the body. (Note: This is similar to the wing case for a Zug Bug.) Trim off any excess feather butt.
6. Select a brown hen hackle feather with barbs that will reach from the hook eye back to slightly past the hook bend. Strip off the base fluff and tie it in by its butt at the front of the body. Wrap it forward toward the hook eye for 4-5 turns then tie it off and remove any excess. (**Be sure to stroke the fibers back with each wrap.**) Wrap the thread back over the fiber butts **slightly** to ensure that the fibers lay back over the body.
7. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the thread head, if desired.