

CAREY SPECIAL



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph 3XL, size 6 - 12

Thread.....Suitable color 6/0

Weight.....(Optional) Lead wire

Tail.....Pheasant rump fibers

Rib.....Fine gold wire/tinsel

Body.....Peacock herl.

Hackle.....Pheasant rump feather

Head.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise. Cut 5-6" length of lead wire and wrap it forward in tight turns from just in front of the hook bend (leave enough room to tie in the tail) to approximately 1/8" behind hook eye.
2. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it over the lead wire to lightly cover it, then wrap the thread back to the hook bend. (You may optionally apply cement to the lead wire if desired.)
3. Cut a small bunch of pheasant rump feather fibers and tie them in at the hook bend as a tail. The tail should be about a hook shank in length. Keeping the fiber butts on top of the hook shank, wrap over them back to the back end of the lead wraps. Trim off the excess fiber butts and return the thread to the tail tie-in point.

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4. Tie-in a 4-5" length of fine gold wire by its end at the same point as the tail. The remainder of the wire should extend out over the hook bend.
5. Cut 4-5 long peacock herls, remove the butt ends and tie them in at the tail tie-in point with the length of them extending out over the hook bend. Wrap the herls and thread together to make a herl "rope", then wrap the "rope" forward to about an 1/8" behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess herl and let the thread hang. **(The herl body should be roughly football shaped.)**
6. Now take the gold wire and counter wrap it over the herl body in 4-6 evenly spaced wraps to the front of the herl body and tie it off. Let the thread hang and remove any excess wire.
7. Select a pheasant rump feather whose fibers reach back to slightly behind the hook bend. Remove the fluff and stroke the fibers down so that they stand straight out from the quill. Tie the feather in by the tip, then pull it up straight up and stroke the fibers back. Wrap the feather forward in touching turns to behind the hook eye and tie it off. Ensure that you stroke the fibers back with each wrap to avoid tying down any fibers. Trim off any excess feather.
8. Form a neat thread head, ensuring that you wrap back over the feather fibers slightly to ensure that the fibers stay leaning toward the hook bend.
9. Whip finish and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the thread head. Avoid getting any cement on the feather fibers.