

CLOUSER SWIMMING NYMPH



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph, long shank, size 4 - 10

Thread.....Color to match body, 6/0 or 8/0

Weight.....Lead wire .15 or .20

Tail.....Rabbit fur or marabou, cream/tan/brown/olive, your choice

Flash.....Krystal Flash or Flashabou Accent, copper

Rib.....Gold wire or oval tinsel

Body.....Cream/tan/brown or olive dubbing

Wingcase..Peacock herl

Legs.....Partridge or speckled hen, natural or brown

Head.....Thread

1. Put the hook in the vise and make 10-15 wraps of lead in the middle of the hook shank. Remove any excess lead
2. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap it back over the lead wraps, building a thread ramp at either end of the lead wraps, then wrap the thread back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Select a piece of rabbit zonker and trim off a substantial bunch of fur close to the skin. Clean out the underfur and tie the fur in as a tail at the hook bend. *(The tail should be at least half the hook shank in length.)*
4. Take a piece of flash material and fold it in half. Tie it in at the hook bend by the fold with one side of the folded flash on each side of the tail. Trim the flash so that it is equal with the end of the tail. The thread should be at the hook bend.
5. Now cut a 4"-5" piece of ribbing and tie it in by the end at the hook bend. The length of the ribbing should extend back over the hook bend.
6. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered body forward covering the rear 2/3rds of the hook shank. Tie off the dubbing and remove any excess.
7. Wrap the rib forward in evenly spaced turns to the front of the body and tie it off. Remove any excess ribbing.

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8. Select 5-7 strands of peacock herl, remove the brown waste at the butt ends, and tie them in by their butt ends tight against the front end of the body directly on top of the hook shank. The lengths of the herls should extend back over the top of the body. Remove any excess butts.
9. Select a partridge or hen feather with barbs that will reach back to hook point. **(DO NOT REMOVE THE FLUFF FROM THE BASE OF THE FEATHER.)** Tie it in by the tip, concave side down, directly in front of the herl. The length of the feather should lay back **over** the body.
10. Dub the thread and wrap a tapering thorax from the front of the body to slightly in back of the hook eye. Remove any excess dubbing.
11. Now closely palmer the feather forward thru the dubbed thorax and tie it off slightly behind the hook eye. Remove any excess feather.
12. Wet your fingers and stroke the feather barbs down from the top of the thorax so that an equal number of barbs are on either side and leaving an open area on top of the thorax.
13. Grasp the bunch of peacock herls and pull them over the top of the thorax between the feather barbs as a wing case. Tie them off behind the hook eye and remove any excess herl.
14. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement, if desired.