

FLASHBACK CALLIBAETIS



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph, size 10 – 14 1XL

Thread.....Olive 6/0

Tail.....Pheasant tail barbs

Rib.....Fine copper wire

Abdomen.....Olive marabou

Shellback.....Pearl Flashabou

Thorax.....Olive dubbing

Legs.....Natural CDC

Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in thread behind hook eye and wrap back to bend making a good thread base. Let the thread hang.
2. Align and cut 4-6 pheasant tail barbs and mount them on top of the hook shank at the hook bend. **(The tail should be the length of the hook gap.)** Wrap over the butt ends tightly for 6-7 wraps, then trim off the excess butts. Let the thread hang.
3. Cut a 4-5” piece of fine copper wire and tie it in at the end of the tail butts with its length extending back over the hook bend. At this same point, tie-in five strands of flashabou with their length also extending back over the hook bend. Keeping the copper wire, along with the flashabou, on top of the tail butts, wrap the thread back to the hook bend covering them with thread. Let the thread hang.
4. Now tie-in 5-8 marabou barbs by the tips at the tail tie-in point. Trim off any excess tip. At this same point, tie-in a 6” piece of thread. Advance the tying thread to just beyond the midpoint of the hook shank and let it hang. Twist the marabou and thread together to make a marabou “rope” and wrap it forward to just beyond the midpoint of the hook shank forming a slightly tapered abdomen. Tie the “rope” off at the end of the abdomen and trim off any excess “rope. Let the thread hang.
5. Pull the flashabou forward firmly over the top of the abdomen and tie it off in front of the abdomen. **Do not trim the excess flashabou.** Now take the copper wire and

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reverse palmer it over the abdomen in 4-5 evenly spaced concentric wraps and tie it off in front of the abdomen. Trim off any excess rib. Let the thread hang.

6. Fold the flashabou back over the abdomen. Select a CDC feather with barbs slightly longer than the desired length of the finished legs (**slightly longer than 1 hook gap**). Trim off the fluff at the base of the feather and, holding the feather by the tip, stroke back the barbs on each side to make them perpendicular to the feather shaft. Select a section of the barbs **equal to the length of the thorax** and strip off the remaining barbs. (**By section I mean a part of the feather with barbs on each side of the feather shaft.**) Position the feather on top of the hook shank with the dull side facing upward. Bind the feather in by its tip tight against the wing case with the butt end going toward the hook bend. Clip off the excess tip. Wrap the thread back to the end front of the abdomen.
7. Dub the thread with olive dubbing and wrap the dubbed thread up to a point about 5-6 thread wraps behind the hook eye, forming a fairly thick thorax, and tie it off. Remove excess dubbing. (**Be sure to wrap the thorax tightly back against the end of the abdomen or a gap may form when the wing case is pulled forward.**) Leave the thread at the front of the thorax.
9. Pull the CDC feather over the thorax with enough tension to keep the feather stem positioned on top of and straight down the middle of the thorax. Tie it off with 2-3 turns of thread, binding it to the hook shank. Trim off the excess feather. (**You should now have feather barbs on each side of the thorax.**)
10. Pull the flashabou wing case forward over the thorax and feather hackle legs and tie it off right behind the hook eye with several tight thread wraps. (**To avoid tying down the hackle leg barbs, pinch the barbs against the thorax when you pull the wing case into position so that they remain in position.**) Trim off the excess flashabou. (**Ensure that the flashabou wing case stays centered on top of the thorax and covers the feather stem.**)
11. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement.

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