

GRIFFITH'S GNAT



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 18-28
Thread....Black or Olive 6/0 or 8/0
Rib.....Fine gold wire
Hackle....Grizzly, dry
Body.....Peacock herl
Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back to the hook bend.
2. Tie-in a 3" – 4" piece of fine gold wire as a rib with 3-4 tight thread wraps, then wrap the thread back to the hook bend. Trim off any excess wire.
3. Select a grizzly dry fly hackle feather sized for the hook and remove the fluff from its base. Tie-in the hackle feather by the butt at the hook bend on top of the hook shank.
4. Select 3-4 peacock herls and tie them in at the hook bend. **(When tying in the herls, make sure that the butt ends reach to just behind the hook eye. This is to help form a smooth underbody.)**
5. With the herl butts on top of the hook shank, wrap forward over them with flattened thread to just behind the hook eye. Form as smooth an underbody as possible while binding down the herl butts. Let the thread hang behind the hook eye.
6. Now lightly twist the peacock herls together and wrap them up the hook shank to behind the hook eye. Tie them off and trim away any excess herl. Let the thread hang.
7. Wrap the gold wire forward in 4-5 evenly spaced, concentric turns to the hook eye and tie it off. Trim off any excess wire.
8. Palmer the hackle forward in evenly spaced, concentric turns between the wire wraps to behind the hook eye. Trim off the excess hackle.
9. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the head.