

HOLY GRAIL NYMPH



Recipe

Hook..... Curved caddis , size 12 – 20
Bead..... Gold or Copper
Thread..... Olive, 6/0 or 8/0
Rib..... Mylar tinsel, holographic chartreuse
Body..... SLF Squirrel, olive
Wingcase..... Pheasant tail fibers, natural
Legs..... Hungarian partridge or brown speckled hen
Head..... Thread

1. Place the bead on the hook, then attach the thread in the middle of the hook shank and wrap a tight thread base back to above the hook point.
2. Cut a 4"- 5" piece of ribbing and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank over the hook point. *(The length of the ribbing should be going out over the hook bend.)* Wrap over the ribbing in tight touching turns back to close to the middle of the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Dub the thread lightly and wrap a tapered body forward to just in front of the hook point and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
4. Grasp the ribbing and palmer it forward over the body in 3-4 turns to the front of the body and tie it off. Remove any excess ribbing. Wrap the thread back to the front of the ribbing and let the thread hang.
5. Cut 7- 8 pheasant tail fibers and tie them in by their butts on **top** of the hook shank tight against the front of the body. *(The length of the fibers should be going back toward the hook bend.)* Remove any remaining fiber butts and cover the stubs with tight thread wraps.
6. Dub the thread lightly and take 2-3 wraps to cover the thread wraps binding down the pheasant tail fibers. *(There should now be bare hook shank between the front of the body and the hook eye equal to about 4-5 hook eye lengths.)*

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7. Now push the bead back tight against the body, wrap the thread to the front of the bead, and make several thread wraps to hold the bead back in place.
8. Select a hackle feather for the legs and trim away the fluff at its butt end. Fold the barbs back creating a notch at the tip, then strip the barbs off one side, and tie it in by the tip tight in front of the bead. Wrap the feather forward in 1-2 turns and tie it off slightly behind the hook eye. Remove any excess feather butt.
9. Spread the feather fibers evenly down on each side of the fly, then pull the pheasant tail fibers forward over the bead and in between the feather fibers and tie them down behind the hook eye. Remove any excess pheasant tail fibers.
10. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.