

LITTLE STREAM HOPPER



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 12 - 14

Thread....Yellow 6/0

Tail.....Bucktail, Yellow or Green

Body.....Bucktail, Yellow or Green

Wings.....Pheasant or Turkey Feather Segments, Natural or Mottled Cream

Legs.....Goose Biots, Green, Amber, Brown, or Tan

1. Flatten the barb on hook and put it in your vise. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back to the start of the hook bend, laying down a good thread base.
2. Cut and clean a clump of bucktail **(as long as possible)**. Trim the butt ends even and tie the clump in by the butt end at the hook bend **(the trimmed butts should extend beyond the hook bend by about half a hook gap to form an extended body)**. Wrap forward in segmented wraps **(to give a segmented look to the body)** over the bucktail to a point just behind the hook eye. **(Allow the bucktail to encircle the hook shaft as you tie it down.)** The remaining bucktail tips should extend out over the hook eye.
3. Bend the remaining bucktail back over the body and tie it down about 1/3 of the hook shank behind the hook eye to form a bullet head. Bind down the remaining bucktail tips in segmented wraps past the hook bend to the end of the trimmed butts. Make several wraps at the end of the extended body hair butts and then wrap the thread forward in segmented wraps **(over the wraps you made binding down the bucktail on the hook shank)** to the thread wraps used to create the bullet head. Trim any excess hair tips even with the end of the extended body.
4. Cut two pheasant or turkey feather segments about 1/2 a hook gap in width and long enough to cover the hopper body from the bullet head thread wraps to the end of the extended body. Align the segment tips and **trim the butt ends even**. Tie the segments in by their butts **(see the picture)** at the bullet head wraps with the tips extending back over the body toward the hook bend. **(The upper edges of the**

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segments should be touching on top of the body.) Trim the tips of the segment wings with a downward slanting cut (**see the picture**).

5. Select two goose biots to use as legs. Tie one in each side of body at the bullet head wraps and bend them outward to create a leggy look. Ensure that the legs are the same length.
6. Whip finish over the bullet head wraps, cut the thread, and apply head cement to the wraps.

NOTE: This is a small stream fly that floats well and dries quickly. Cast this fly up and across and allow it to drift past you with the current. At the end of the drift, strip this fly in short jerks across the surface back to you.