

## MARCH BROWN SPIDER



### Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 12-18

Thread.....Black, Brown, Red, or Orange 8/0

Rib.....Small Oval Gold Tinsel or Small Gold Wire

Abdomen.....Hare's Mask Dubbing, Natural or Dark Brown

Wing.....Mottled Brown Hen or Partridge Feather

1. Flatten the barb on the hook and put it in your vise. Tie-in the thread behind the hook and wrap it back to the middle of the hook shank.
2. Cut a 3" to 4" piece of gold oval tinsel and tie one end in at the middle of the hook shank. Keeping the tinsel on top of the hook shank, wrap over the tinsel back to the beginning of the hook shank. Let the thread hang. **Do not trim off the remainder of the tinsel as it will become the rib of the fly.**
3. Lightly dub a section of the thread with dubbing, then wrap the dubbed thread forward to slightly behind the hook eye forming a **slim** body. Let the thread hang.
4. Now wrap the tinsel rib forward over the dubbed body in evenly spaced wraps to the front of the body and tie it off. Remove any excess tinsel. Let the thread hang.
5. Select a suitably sized hackle feather (**the barbs should reach back to either the hook bend or the hook point, at your option**), strip off the fluff and stroke the barbs back toward the base of the feather. Tie the feather in by the tip at the front of the dubbed body and make 2-3 wraps moving toward the hook eye, then tie off the feather and remove any excess. **(It is suggested that you stroke the barbs back toward the hook bend with each wrap to avoid tying down any barbs.)**
6. Form a small thread head, whipfinish, and cut the thread. Apply a small drop of head cement at your option. **(When forming the thread head, stroke the hackle fibers back toward the hook bend and wrap over their bases slightly to ensure that the fibers bend back over the dubbed body.)**