

PEACOCK SOFT HACKLE



Recipe

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

Thread.....Olive 6/0

Weight.....Lead wire .015 (Optional)

Body.....Peacock Herl

Collar.....Brown Hungarian Partridge or
Brown/Black Hen Saddle

Head.....Thread

1. De-barb the hook and place it in your vise.
2. Tie-in the thread behind hook eye and wrap it down the hook shank to over the hook barb.
3. **(If using lead wire, make 6-10 wraps in the middle of the hook shank and cover with thread to secure the lead.)**
4. Select 4-5 peacock herls and tie them in on top of the hook shank over the hook barb. Form a rope with the thread and the peacock herls, and wrap it forward to within 2-3 hook eye widths of the hook eye forming a smooth body **(or a slightly tapered one if using lead wire)**. Remove the excess herl and let the thread hang.
5. Select and prepare a partridge or hen hackle feather, tie it in by the tip, and make 2-3 wraps in front of the herl body soft hackle style, and then tie it off. Remove excess hackle.
6. Form a thread head, whip finish, and cut thread. **(Be sure that the thread head slightly covers the butt end of the hackle collar, forcing the hackle to curve back over the body of the fly.)**
7. Apply head cement if desired.