

PEEPING CADDIS



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph 3XL, size 8-10

Thread.....Brown 6/0

Head.....Gold or Brass bead

Weight.....Lead wire, .20

Rib.....Gold or Copper wire

Caddis Head...White or Cream Polypropylene, burned at one end

Legs.....Brown Partridge hackle

Abdomen.....Dark Hare's Ear or Squirrel Dubbing

1. Crush the barb on the hook and place the bead on the hook. Make sure the larger hole on the bead is facing the hook bend. Place the hook in the vise.
2. Take the lead wire and wrap it on the hook shank in close touching turns from a point over the hook point to right behind the bead. Trim off any excess lead and push the lead forward so that the front of the lead slips inside the back of the bead.
3. Tie-in the thread behind the lead wraps and form a small thread dam to hold the lead in place. Cover the lead in thread wraps, then wrap the thread back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
4. Take a short piece of yarn and lightly melt one end to form a head. Tie in the yarn at the bend of the hook so that the burned end extends slightly past the hook bend. Bind down the yarn butt back to the back of the lead wraps, trim off any excess yarn, and return the thread to the yarn tie-in point.
5. Prepare a partridge feather by removing the fluff and stroking the fibers away from the tip. Tie the feather in by its tip at the same point where the yarn was tied-in. Now wrap the feather in three tight touching turns at the yarn tie-in point and tie it off, removing any excess feather. **(Be sure to stroke the feather fibers toward the hook bend with each wrap to avoid tying down any fibers.) (The partridge fibers length should be between 1½ to 2 times the length of the hook gap.)**

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6. Tie-in a 2-3" piece of gold or copper wire at hook bend right behind the hackle tie off point. Wrap thread back over the butt end of the wire to the rear of the lead wire, then wrap the thread back to the hackle tie off point. Remove any excess wire butt.
7. Dub the thread and wrap an evenly dubbed body from right behind the hackle forward to right behind the bead head and tie it off. **(Be sure when you start the dubbed abdomen that the first few wraps are tight against the back of the hackle to force the hackle "legs" to lean back toward the hook bend.)**
8. Now take the wire ribbing and wrap it in evenly spaced turns to right behind the bead head and tie it off, removing any excess wire.
9. Whip finish behind the bead head and cut the thread. Apply head cement if desired.

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