

## PHEASANT TAIL NYMPH BEAD HEAD



### Recipe

Hook.....Nymph, size 12-18  
Thread.....Black or Brown 6/0  
Head.....Brass or gold bead  
Tail.....Pheasant tail fibers  
Rib..... Copper wire  
Abdomen..Pheasant tail fibers, wrapped herl style  
Wingcase..Pheasant tail fibers  
Thorax.....Peacock herl

1. Take a bead and slide it on the hook to behind the hook eye. Then place the hook in the vise so that the hook eye is angled slightly down. This will help keep the bead at the front.
2. Tie-in the thread behind the bead and wrap it back to the hook bend.
3. Select 6 long fibers from a pheasant tail feather, cut them off and align the tips as a tail.
4. Tie-in this tail at the bend with several tight overlapping thread turns. (The tail should be approximately half the hook shank in length.) Do not trim off the excess fibers.
5. Now take a 2-3" inch piece of copper wire and tie it in at the same point as the tail.
6. Lift the butt ends of the pheasant tail fibers and wrap the thread 2/3d's of the way up the hook shank toward the hook eye. Be sure to cover the tag end of the copper wire as you wrap forward. Let the thread hang.
7. Grasp the pheasant tail fibers and loosely twist them into a rope, then wrap this rope 2/3d's of the way up the hook shank as an abdomen and tie off. Do not trim off the excess fibers. Let the thread hang. Ensure the excess tail fibers are on top of the hook shank.
8. Grasp the copper wire and wrap it counterclockwise over the fiber body in 4-5 evenly spaced concentric turns. Tie it off at the end of the abdomen and trim excess wire.

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9. Lift the remaining pheasant tail fibers and lean them back over the top of the abdomen. Tie them down at the base of the abdomen to keep them in position. Let the thread hang.
10. Take 3-4 peacock herl fibers, align them by the butts then trim off the bare base. Now tie them in by the base at the front of the abdomen. Twist them into a loose rope and wrap them to just behind the bead to form a thorax and tie off. Trim off the excess herl. The thorax should be thicker than the abdomen.
11. Grasp the pheasant tail fibers and pull them firmly but gently over the top of the herl thorax and tie off just behind the bead. Do not trim excess pheasant tail fibers.
12. Split the remaining pheasant tail fibers into two equal parts and tie one part down behind the bead on each side of hook as legs. Whip finish, cut the thread and apply head cement.
13. Trim the legs to a length reaching to the back of the thorax.

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