

PICKET PIN



Recipe

Hook..... Nymph/Wet, 2xl, size 10-14

Thread..... Black, 6/0

Tail..... Fox Squirrel Tail

Rib..... Gold wire, small

Body..... Peacock herl

Hackle..... Brown

Wing..... Gray Squirrel Tail

Head..... Peacock Herl

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back down the hook shank to between the hook barb and the hook point. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut and clean a small clump of squirrel tail and tie it in on top of the hook shank where you left the thread using a pinch wrap. Now wrap forward with tight thread wraps over the butt ends, keeping the butts on top of the hook shank. Stop wrapping about 1/3 of the hook shank behind the hook eye and remove any excess butts. Let the thread hang.
3. Now cut a 4"-5" piece of ribbing and tie it in by one end (the remaining length of wire should be extending back toward the hook bend.) where you left the thread. Wrap tight thread wraps over the wire back to the front of the tail. Let the thread hang.
4. Select 3-4 peacock herls and tie them in by the butt at the hook bend. Trim off the excess herl butts. Twist the peacock herls into a loose "rope" and wrap them forward to a point about 1/3 of the hook shank behind the hook eye and tie them down. Remove any excess herl.
5. Now select an appropriately sized hackle feather, remove any fluff, and tie it in at the front of the herl body with the concave side toward the hook shank. Palmer the hackle feather back over the herl body in 4-5 wraps. Keeping hold of the feather,

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grasp the wire rib and counter wrap it forward over the hackle to the front of the herl body and tie it off. Remove any excess rib. Let the thread hang. Remove any excess feather.

6. Cut and clean a small clump of gray squirrel tail to use as a wing. Measure the tail to reach back to the middle of the tail and tie it in on top of the hook shank in front of the body with several tight thread wraps (don't let go of the wing until you have tied it in securely as it may slide around the hook shank). Remove any wing butts and cover them with thread.
7. Select a single peacock herl, remove the scruffy butt, and tie it in at the front of the wing, then form a thorax by wrapping it forward to behind the hook eye and tie it off. Be sure to cover all the wing thread wraps. Remove any excess herl, form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.