

## QUILL GORDON NYMPH



### Recipe

Hook.....Wet, size 10 – 14  
Thread.....Olive 6/0  
Tail.....Two pheasant tail fibers, split  
Rib.....Brown thread  
Abdomen....Beaver dubbing, light  
Wing case...Mottled turkey wing quill  
Thorax.....Beaver dubbing, light  
Beard.....Brown partridge fibers  
Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in thread behind hook eye and wrap back to bend making a good thread base. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut 2 fibers from a pheasant tail feather and align the tips of the fibers.
3. Lightly dub a short section of thread and make 1-2 raps at the hook bend making a very small dubbing ball. Remove excess dubbing and wrap thread back 4-5 turns behind the dubbing ball. Tie-in the pheasant tail fibers behind the dubbing ball where you left the thread, keeping the fibers on top of the hook shank. Wrap thread over the butt ends back to the dubbing ball, allowing one fiber to go to each side of the ball. **(The tail should be 2/3 the length of the hook shank measured from the dubbing ball.)** Keep tail tie-in thread wraps tight and on top of each other. Trim off excess fibers.
4. Cut a 3-4" piece of 6/0 brown thread and tie it in as a rib right behind the dubbing ball.
5. Now take the beaver dubbing and dub a neat, slightly tapered abdomen up to the middle of the hook shank. Let the thread hang.
6. Take the thread rib and wrap it 6-7 equally spaced spiral wraps over the dubbed abdomen and tie off. Trim excess rib.

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7. Now take a mottled turkey quill feather (that has been treated with Dave's Flexament or other material to stiffen and connect the fibers) and cut a segment about the width of the hook gap. Trim the bottom of the segment so that the bottom is straight and, with the shiny side down, tie the segment in at the end of the abdomen with the segment end pointing toward the hook bend. Tightly wrap the butt end and trim off the excess. Wrap the thread back to the end of the abdomen.
8. Dub the thread with beaver dubbing. Wrap the dubbed thread up to a point about 1 hook eye width behind the hook eye, forming a fairly thick thorax, and tie off. Remove excess dubbing. **(Be sure to wrap the thorax tightly back against the end of the abdomen or a gap may form when the wing case is pulled forward.)**
9. Select a brown partridge feather and remove the fluff. Now flare the fibers and remove 15-20 fibers and roll them together to create a nice bunch. Using a pinch wrap, mount the fibers under the hook shank in front of the thorax, as a beard. (As an alternative mounting option, you can mount the fiber bunch on top of the hook shank like a wing and then roll the bunch under the hook.) **The beard tips should just reach back to the hook point.**
10. Pull the turkey quill segment forward over the thorax and tie it off right behind the hook eye with several tight thread wraps. Trim off the excess turkey fibers. **Ensure that the wing case stays centered on top of the thorax.**
11. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement.

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