

SCHMIDT'S ESTAZ PCP NYMPH



Recipe

Hook.....Scud/Caddis, size 8 - 12
Thread.....Black 6/0
Tail.....Pheasant Tail Fibers
Rib.....Copper Wire
Abdomen...Pheasant Tail Fibers
Wingcase...Pheasant Tail Fibers
Thorax.....Estaz, Color of Choice
Head.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vice and tie-in the thread behind the hook eye.
2. Cut a 4-6" length of copper wire as a rib. Tie it in by one end slightly behind the hook eye with the length of it extending back past the hook bend. With the wire on top of the hook shank, wrap thread over it back to the hook bend. Do not cut the excess wire as it will be the rib. Let the thread hang.
3. Cut 12-15 pheasant tail fibers and tie them in on top of the hook shank at the hook bend with three or four tight thread wraps placed one on top of the other. The fiber tips should extend back over the hook bend by the one hook gap length. Do not cut off the fiber butts, instead, lift the fiber butts and wrap the thread under them back up the hook shank to a point $\frac{2}{3}$ rds of the way up the hook shank. Let the thread hang.
4. Now twist the fiber butts together slightly into a loose rope and wrap them up the hook shank in touching turns to where you left the thread and tie them off. Be sure to tie off the fibers on top of the hook shank, then fold them back over the top of the body and take a few thread wraps over their butt ends to hold them in position. These remaining butts will become the wing case.
5. Cut a 3-4" piece of estaz and tie it in tight against the end of the body. Wrap it forward in touching to slightly behind the hook eye and tie it off forming a thorax. Be sure to

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stroke the estaz fibers back with each wrap to avoid tying down excessive fibers. Remove any excess estaz, then trim the estaz fibers on top of the thorax short. The thread should be just behind the hook eye.

6. Grasp the pheasant tail butts of the wing case (which should be on top of the hook shank at the end of the body) and pull them over the top of the estaz thorax as a wing case and tie them off behind the hook eye. Now divide the remaining butts into 2 equal parts and fold a part back along each side of the thorax as legs. Wrap thread over the base of these legs right behind the hook eye to hold them in place.
7. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the head. You can also apply cement or epoxy to the wing case, if desired