

SPENT PARTRIDGE CADDIS



Recipe

Hook.....TMC 100 or equivalent, size 12-22

Thread.....Black 6/0 or 8/0

Body.....Olive or Tan Superfine Dubbing

Wing.....Hungarian Partridge feather

Thorax.....Peacock Herl

Hackle.....Grizzly, dyed brown

1. Attach the thread about 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the start of the hook bend. Remove any tag thread.
2. Dub the thread and wrap it forward to the thread starting point creating an even abdomen. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
3. Now select two partridge feathers sized for the hook. Remove any fluff from the base of the feathers, then even the tips and hold them together so that they curve away from each other. Measure them to be a hook shank in length and tie them in securely at the front of the dubbed abdomen. Tie them in on edge and tented (upper feather edges touching each other over the top of the abdomen like the top ridge of a tent). Remove any excess feather butts and let the thread hang.
4. Select appropriately sized dyed brown grizzly hackle feather and clean the fluff from its base. Tie it in at the base of the wing with its concave side against the hook shank. Remove any excess hackle butt and let the thread hang.
5. Now select 2-3 peacock herls and remove their brown base, then tie them in at the base of the wing. Wrap the thread forward to slightly behind the hook eye and let it hang.

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6. Wrap the peacock herls forward over the hackle butts to slightly behind the hook eye forming a neat thorax. Be sure that the herl wraps are tight against the base of the wing and cover the hackle butts. Tie off the herl and remove any excess. Let the thread hang.
7. Grasp the hackle feather and palmer it forward through the peacock herl thorax to behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess hackle.
8. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the thread head if desired.