

## THE DOC SPRATLEY



### Recipe

Hook.....Mustad 9671/9672 or equivalent, sz 14-4  
Thread.....Black or brown, 6/0  
Tail.....Guinea hen  
Body.....Black wool yarn or equivalent  
Rib.....Silver or gold tinsel, flat med  
Throat Hackle.....Guinea hen  
Wing.....Pheasant tail, natural or brown  
Head.....Peacock herl

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie the thread in behind the hook eye. Wrap a tight thread base back to the hook bend and let the thread hang. Remove any thread tag.
2. Cut 6-8 guinea hen hackle barbs, even the tips, and tie them in at the hook bend on top of the hook shank as a tail. (The tail should be about 1/3 the hook shank in length.) Wrap over the feather butts with thread and return the thread to the hook bend.
3. Cut a 4"-5" piece of black wool yarn and tie it in by the end on top of the hook shank at the hook bend. (The length of the yarn should extend out over the hook bend.)
4. Cut a 3"-4" piece of tinsel and tie it in by one end at the hook bend to use as a rib. (The length of the tinsel should extend back over the hook bend.) Wrap the thread forward to slightly behind the hook eye.
5. Grasp the wool yarn and wrap it forward in touching turns to behind the eye and tie it off. Trim off any excess yarn.
6. Now counter wrap the tinsel forward in evenly spaced turns to the end of the yarn body and tie it off. Remove any excess tinsel.
7. Cut a small bunch of guinea hen barbs and tie them in as a throat on the bottom of the hook shank behind the hook eye. The barbs should reach back to around the hook barb. Trim off any excess barb butts.

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8. Cut a small bunch of pheasant tail barbs to use as a wing and measure them so that they reach from the hook eye back to the middle of the tail. Once you have the barbs measured, tie them in on top of the hook shank slightly behind the hook eye. (Take care not to let the wing barbs spring up as you want them to lay flat and parallel along the top of the body.) Trim off any excess feather butts.
9. Now cut another smaller bunch of pheasant tail barbs and tie it in as in step 8 on top of the first wing bunch, Trim off any excess barb butts and cover the remainder with thread wraps.
10. Cut two peacock herls and tie them in by one end on top of the wing behind the hook eye. (The length of the peacock herls should lay over the top of the wing and reach back to the tip of the wing.)
11. Now cut 1-2 peacock herls and tie them in right against the front the wing. Twist them together with the thread into a herl rope and wrap it forward to the hook eye, forming a neat head, and tie it off. Trim off any excess "rope", whip finish, and cut the thread.