

## ZUG BUG



### Recipe

Hook.....Wet, 1X or 2X long, size 10 – 14  
Thread.....Black 6/0  
Weight.....Lead wire, .15 or .20 (Optional)  
Tail.....Peacock Sword  
Rib.....Oval silver tinsel, small  
Body.....Peacock herl  
Hackle.....Brown, Hen  
Wingcase....Mallard flank feather, dyed wood-duck  
Head.....Thread

1. Crush the hook barb and place the hook in the vise. Make 10-12 wraps of lead wire in the middle of the hook shank. Tie-in the thread behind hook eye and wrap a thread dam in front of and behind the lead wire, then cover the lead with thread wraps before wrapping the thread back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
2. Select three peacock sword fibers and tie them in as a tail at the hook bend. Wrap over the fiber butts back to the back of the lead wraps. Trim off any excess butts.
3. Tie –in a 3”-4” piece of oval tinsel ribbing at the back of the lead wraps and bind it down on top of the hook shank back to the hook bend.
4. Select 3-4 peacock herls and tie them in at the hook bend. Trim off any excess herl butts. Wrap the herls around the thread making a “herl” rope, then wrap the herl rope forward to a point about 1/8<sup>th</sup> “ behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess herl.
5. Now grasp the tinsel ribbing and wrap it forward over the herl body in 5-6 evenly spaced wraps to the front of the herl body. Trim off any excess rib.

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6. Select a suitable brown hen hackle feather and remove the fluff. Holding the tip, preen the barbs toward the butt end of the feather. Tie the feather in by the tip at the end of herl body, remove any excess tip, then make 3-4 turns of hackle around the hook shank, stroking the barbs back over the body as you wrap, and tie off. Remove any excess hackle.
7. Select a mallard flank feather and remove the fluff. Strip off the fibers from the base so that you are left with a feather tip that is as wide as the fly body. Trim the top of the remaining tip so that it is flat across the top. Tie the feather in by its butt as a wing case **on top** of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Trim off any excess feather butt.
8. Wrap a small neat thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.