

HARE'S EAR FLYMPH



Recipe

Hook.....Wet 2x stout, size 12-16
Thread.....Suitable color 6/0 (also silk or floss)
Tail.....Brown/Furnace Hen Hackle Fibers
Rib.....Oval Gold Tinsel
Hackle.....Brown/Furnace Hen
Body.....Hare's Ear Mask Fur or Dubbing
Weight.....Small Lead Wire (Optional)

1. Tie-in thread behind hook eye.
2. Choose a hen hackle with fibers 1 ½ to 2 times the length of the hook gap. Strip off the fuzz and tie it in by the butt just behind the hook eye with the tip extending over the hook eye. (The concave (dull) side of the hackle should be facing you.) Now wrap the thread back to the hook bend binding down the hackle stem to about the middle of the hook shank. Trim the hackle butt and continue wrapping the thread back to the hook bend.
3. Select 5-10 hackle fibers (depending on hook size) and tie them in as a tail. (The tail should be approx. the length of the hook shank.) Take 1-2 turns of thread under the tail fibers to cock them upward and return the thread to the front of tail.
4. Now tie in the ribbing and return the thread to the tail tie in point.
5. Form a dubbing loop at the base of the tail, then wrap the thread forward to just behind the eye of the hook. Fill the dubbing loop with fur or dubbing and twist into a spiky rope. (This rope should have more fur in what will be the thorax area to give a slight taper to the body.) Wrap the rope forward to the eye of the hook, tie off, and trim excess loop. (A few turns of thread should show at the base of the tail to show the thread color.)

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6. Now wrap the ribbing forward in 4-6 concentric (evenly spaced) turns and tie off. Trim excess rib. (Be careful to avoid matting down the spiky fur as much as possible.)
7. Wrap the thread in one or two long turns back to the mid-point of the hook shank.
8. Now take the hackle and make 2 turns behind the hook eye, make a 3rd wrap going back to the midpoint of the hook, then make a 4th wrap at the midpoint and tie off the hackle with a couple of wraps of thread. Carefully cut or break off the excess hackle and then take 4-6 wraps of thread back through the hackle (being careful to not mash down the hackle fibers) to the eye of the hook.
9. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut thread.

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