

PRINCE NYMPH (Bead Head)



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph or Scud, size 16 -10
Thread.....Tan/Brown/Black, 6/0 or 8/0
Head.....Gold bead
Weight.....Sm/Med lead wire (optional)
Tail.....Brown Goose Biots
Wing.....White Goose Biots
Collar.....Brown Wet Hackle
Rib.....Fine Gold Mylar or Tinsel
Body.....Peacock Herl

1. Crush barb on hook and position bead on hook.
2. Take the lead wire and make 4-5 wraps behind bead. Trim off excess lead and then push lead forward tightly into back of bead.
3. Tie in thread behind lead and make several tight wraps of thread behind lead to hold it in place and form a taper. Wrap the thread back to the bend in the hook and form a small ball of thread.
4. Take a two brown biots and tie them in separately on top of the hook using the thread ball to split them into a “V” shape. Trim the biot butts.
5. Now take two white goose biots and tie a split wing on top of the fly at the end of the body. Tie the wing in behind the bead with the tips pointing over the hook eye (we’ll fold them back later) curving upward. The wing should be sized to extend back to the end of the body when folded back over the body. Trim the biot butts.

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6. Select a hackle feather with a barb length of 1 ½ to 2 times the length of the hook gap. Strip the webby fibers off the bottom and then strip the fibers off one side. Tie in the hackle feather, stripped side toward you, behind the bead. Trim excess hackle butt and wrap the thread back to the tail tie-in point.
7. Tie in the rib and return the thread to the tail tie in point.
8. Now take 5-8 strands (depending on hook size) of peacock herl and line up the tips. Trim off the top ½” of the herl and tie them in. Wrap all the herl forward approx. ¾ of the way up to the bead to form the body and tie off. **DO NOT TRIM OFF THE EXCESS HERL!!!**
9. Wrap the rib forward in 4-5 concentric wraps over the herl body and tie off. Trim the excess rib.
10. Now take the peacock herl butts and **trim off half** of them leaving the best. Wrap the remaining herl forward to tightly behind the bead. Tie off and trim excess. This should create a nice flat base for the hackle collar.
11. Wind the hackle 1-2 times behind the bead and tie off. Trim excess hackle and stroke the hackle fibers on top of the hook to the sides.
12. Now carefully bend the wing back over the body of the fly and wind thread over the “bend” to hold it down. Use just enough thread to make a neat collar, whip finish, and trim thread.

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