

The Fly Tyer's Corner Recipe by Mike Morphew

Dry Fly Pheasant Tail

The Classic Dry Fly "The Pheasant Tail" is easy to tie and is a killer for trout in any river or stream. It has probably accounted for more surface takes than any other dry I have fished, it will be in my box for my trip to Broken Bow later this month.

Materials

Hook any fine wire dry fly hook sizes 10 through 20
Thread Danvilles 7/0 light brown Waxed
Tail Fibers of Rhode Island red hackle
Body A small clump of pheasant tail fibers
Rib gold or copper wire
Hackle Rhode Island red

Step 1: Make a thread base on the hook. then Tie in the wire rib and a small bunch of hackle fibers about the length of the hook shank



Steps 2: Tie in hackle fibers



Step 3: Tie in a small bunch of pheasant tail fibers by the tips and wind to an 1/8 inch behind the eye



Step 4: Follow with the rib in a counter direction then the body to secure the fibers



Step 5: Tie in the hackle directly where the body ends and wind at least 4 turns tie off and whip finish



Steps 6: A small drop of Sally Hansens at the head finishes the fly.

