

The Fly Tyer's Corner by Jeff Hoelter

Griffith's Gnat

The Griffith's Gnat is a very simple and popular trout fly brought to us by George Griffith to imitate midges. Its pretty easy to tie, using few materials, but midges are small. Very small. This example is tied on a size 16 hook but once you get the hang of it, try to tie it well into the 20's.

I plan to tie this fly before the November AFF meeting so if you have any questions or comments, bring them with you. Fly tyers

of all skill levels are invited to attend the free weekly tying sessions sponsored by Sportsmans Finest on Tuesdays, and Living Waters Fly Shop on Wednesdays. Contact them directly or visit their websites for more details.

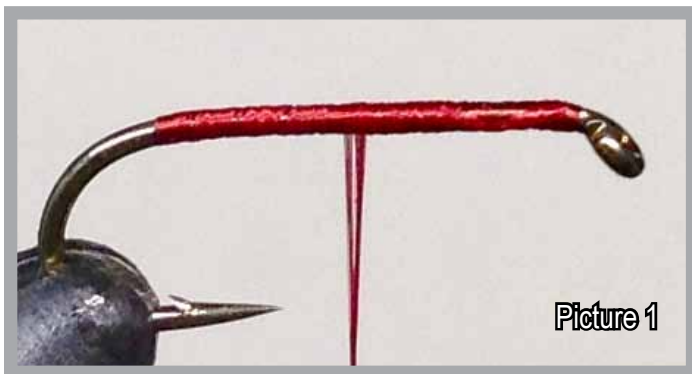
Materials:

Hook: Standard dry fly hook size 16-26

Hackle: Grizzly dry fly hackle

Body: Peacock here

Picture 1: Mount the hook in the vise. Start the thread and wrap back to just above the barb of the hook.



Pictures 4: Wrap the peacock forward with touching wraps and tie off just behind the eye of the hook.



Picture 2: Strip the barbs from the bottom 1/4 inch of the base of the hackle stem to make it easier to attach to the hook without distorting the fibers. Attach the hackle to the hook just above the hook barb. A quick search of the web shows a mix but it looks like most people attach the hackle dull side up. It looks pretty good either way.



Picture 5: Wrap the hackle forward with close, but not touching wraps and tie off just behind the hook eye. Tidy up and whip finish.



Pictures 3: Select 3 or 4 strands of peacock herl and remove the delicate tips (half inch or so). Tie them to the hook around mid shank and wrap back to just above the barb. Now wrap the thread forward to just behind the eye of the hook.



Picture 6: Midge hatches usually occur during low light conditions, especially in the evening. Because midges are so small, you may want to add a post made of hi viz antron or poly before tying in the hackle and herl.

