

The Fly Tyer's Corner by Mike Morphew

Squirrel Nymph

One of my go to nymphs when fishing for trout, but this versatile fly will also attract bluegill and has caught bass in larger sizes. Just what I like in a fly.....easy to tie with few materials and highly successful.

Materials

Hook long shank wet hook from 18 through to 8
Thread olive any make will do
Rib gold oval tinsel
Tail squirrel fibers
Body dubbed squirrel fibers mixed with a little SLF olive
Wing case Pheasant tail
Thorax same as body

Picture 1: Run a base of thread from the eye to the bend



Pictures 4: Take about 10 fibers from a pheasant tail and tie in by the butts



Picture 2: Catch in a small bunch of squirrel fibers and a length of oval gold tinsel



Pictures 5: Dub a fairly thick thorax and pull the pheasant fibers over the top and tie off



Pictures 3: Pinch out some squirrel fibers and mix with some olive SLF and dub a body to 1/3 from the eye and rib with even turns of tinsel



Pictures 6: Whip finish and with a Velcro brush tease out some fibers from the thorax to produce a leggy effect.

