

## Fly of the Month, October 2007 - Pheasant Tail Nymph

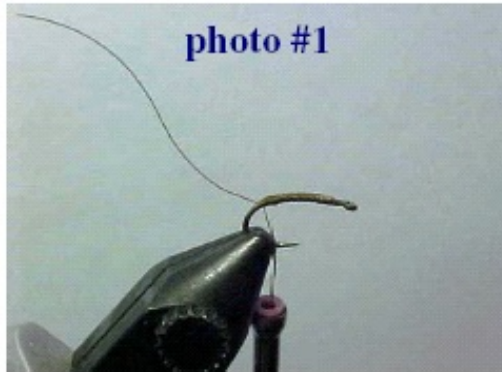
**Hook:** Size 12 to 20 - Scud type hook

**Thread:** 8/0 fine - brown or dark tan

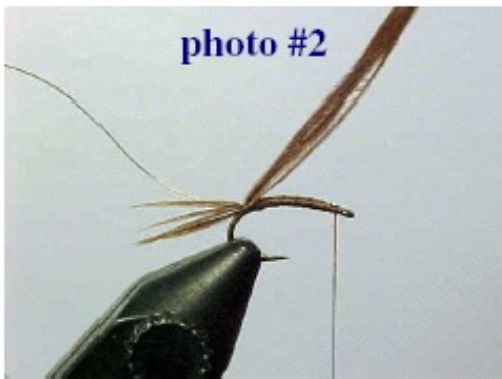
**Tail and Body:** Pheasant tail feather barbs

**Ribbing:** Fine gold wire

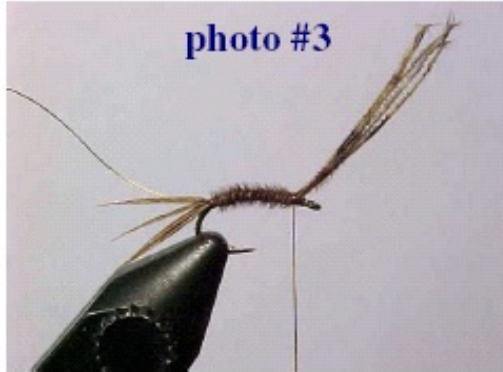
**Throat:** Fine dark grey (Adams) dubbing



**Photo # 1** Tie in the fine gold wire and wrap the shank to add the desired weight. Leave about a 3" tag of wire near the tail of the hook.



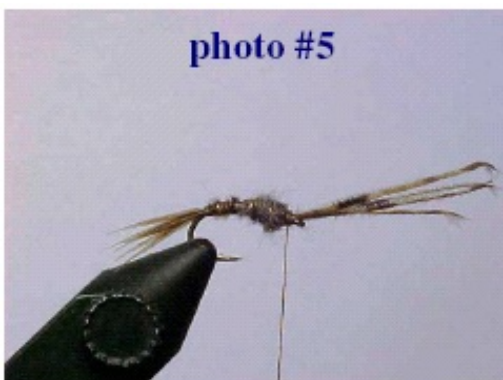
**Photo # 2** Separate 4-5 Pheasant tail feather barbs and tie them in to form a tail. Extend out about the length of the hook shank. Do not trim off excess. Bring your thread to the hook eye.



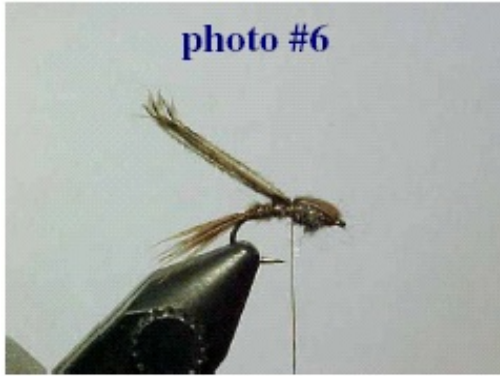
**Photo # 3** Twist the barbs for a few revolutions to form a rope and wrap the hook shank to just before the hook eye to form the body. Leave the excess on the top of the hook and do not trim.



**Photo # 4** Dub in a small amount of the Adams dubbing to form a throat just behind the eye.



**Photo # 5** Wrap the gold wire over the body to the eye. Wrap in the opposite direction of the pheasant tail body leaving space between the wraps. This will reinforce the strength of the pheasant barbs. Tie off the wire at the eye and trim the excess wire.



**Photo # 6** Bring the thread back to the rear of the throat. Flop the remaining Pheasant barbs over the back to the thread and tie down to form a shell casing.



**Photo # 7** Bring the thread back to the eye. Flop the remaining Pheasant tail barbs back over the top to the eye and tie them off. Trim off the remaining Pheasant barbs. Whip-finish the head and trim off the thread. Add a small amount of head cement to the upper side of the head only.



**Photo # 8** Take a bodkin needle or Velcro and pick out the underside of the throat dubbing to form legs. Trim back legs to be even with hook point.

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