

Fly of the Month, March – Hare's Ear Wet Fly

This pattern is courtesy of our February meeting guest speakers, George and Dave of Wet Fly Waterguides, Johnstown, PA. The speakers presented this fly to show off its soft materials that will move in the water.

Hook: Size 12, 2X long shank, Wet fly/ Nymph hook.

Thread: Size 8/0, Rusty Dun color.

Tail: Ruffe Grouse feather.

Wire: Fine brass wire.

Dubbing: Hare's Ear Plus Dubbing, Tan.

Soft Hackle: Hungarian Partridge feather.

Top wing: Ruffe Grouse feather.

Photo # 1 Tie in the thread to cover the hook shank. Tie in about 10 barbs of a Grouse feather to form the tail. Wrap the thread under the back of the tail to allow the feather barbs to slant upward. Trim off the excess.

Photo # 2 Tie in a few inches of fine brass wire. Let it stick out past the tail. Leave it there for later.

Photo # 3 Dub in a body of Hare's Ear dubbing to just past the 3/4 point of the hook shank.

Photo # 4 Spiral wrap the brass wire over the dubbed body to the point of the thread. Tie off the brass wire and trim off the excess with nippers.

Photo # 5 Tie in a Hungarian Partridge body feather and wrap about 3 to 4 wraps to form a soft hackle.

Photo #6 Tie in about 20 barbs of a grouse feather on the top of the soft hackle to form a top wing. Form a head, whip finish the thread and trim off the thread. Add a small amount of head cement to the thread only. This is the completed fly.

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