

## *Fly of the Month, November – Bead Head Bird's Nest Nymph*

**Hook:** Nymph hook, 3X Long shank, Size 14 to 18

**Bead:** Copper color tungsten bead, Size 7/64 bead for size 14 hook;  
Size 3/32 bead for size 16 and 18 hook

**Thread:** Olive or neutral tan; Size 6/0 for size 14; Size 8/0 for 16 and 18

**Tail:** Wood Duck Flank Feather

**Wire:** UTC small copper wire.

**Body dubbing:** Natural color Australian Opossum

**Legs:** Wood Duck Flank Feather

**Thorax:** Natural color Australian Opossum



**Photo # 1** Insert the hook into the bead head small hole and bring the bead up tight to the hook eye. Secure it into place by starting a solid base of thread on the hook shank and bring the thread even with the hook barb.



**Photo # 2** Tie in about 6 barbs from a Mallard Flank feather as a sparse tail. Tie in the 6" length of thin copper wire under the hook shank and leave it continue out of the rear of the fly to be used later.



**Photo # 3** Dub in a tapered body using Australian Opossum fur to the 3/4 point of the hook shank. Spiral wrap the wire over the dubbed body and tie it off at the same 3/4 point of the hook shank.



**Photo # 4** Tie in 8 to 12 wood duck feather barbs as legs on the under side of the hook.

**Photo # 5** Add more Australian Opossum dubbing as a full thorax to fill the hook shank to the bead. Tie off the thread behind the bead. Use a Velcro dubbing brush to make the body and thorax like the name "bird's nest." The shaggy body should look like you have already caught 10 trout before it has even been cast for the first time.

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