

Fly of The Month

Gold Head Pheasant Tail Nymph



Welcome to the first issue of the Dragonflies Hand Tied Art Fly Fishing Magazine.

Here you will find information on new products, venues and hints and tips on Fly Fishing, flies and Fly Tying Materials

During the start of the fly fishing season the fly angler really needs to get down deep to where the trout will be lying in the cold water. Often lures are used but one often neglected technique is to use weighted traditional nymphs such as the gold ribbed hares ear and our fly of the month the Pheasant Tailed Nymph

The version we are recommending for early season is the gold head version which adds weight to the eye of the fly so not only does the fly get down to where the fish are located but when retrieved, then the action replicates that of a distressed larvae.

The original Pheasant Tail Nymph proved to be an exceptional pattern. Over time the Pheasant Tail Nymph migrated across the Atlantic Ocean to North America. The late Al Troth is credited with amending the original pheasant tail to include a peacock herl thorax.

Today, no fly box would be complete without a comprehensive selection of Pheasant Tail Nymphs. A Pheasant Tail Nymph is one of my favourite river or stream patterns. It is also an excellent lake pattern, particularly when Callibaetis nymphs are active. During my travels, flashback versions have also served me well when trout are focused on zoo plankton and small baitfish.

The modern Pheasant Tail seems a far cry from its original roots. Despite its simple lines there is lots of room for stamping your own personality to your Pheasant Tail Nymphs. Today, most Pheasant Tail variations feature a gold bead, either brass or tungsten depending upon where the fly will be used. Non bead head versions however, should still have a place within your fly box

Hook: size 10,12,14 or 16
 Thread: MFC 8/0 or UTC 70 Hot Red, Orange or Chartreuse
 Underbody: Uni Stretch, Hot Orange
 Tail: Pheasant Tail Fibers
 Rib: Fine Copper Wire
 Body: Pheasant Tail Fibers
 Wing Case: Pheasant Tail Fibers and Mirage Opal Mylar
 Thorax: Peacock Herl
 Legs: Pheasant Tail Fibers
 Bead: Gold Brass

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