

Bead Head Pheasant Tail Ostrich Hackle

Hook: 3XL Mustad 9672 sz 14 -16

Head: Gun metal gray glass bead

Thread: Black 8/0

Rib: Copper wire fine

Tail: Black pheasant tail

Body: Black pheasant tail

Thorax: Peacock herl

Hackle: Black Ostrich herl

1) Begin the fly by placing a bead onto the debarbed hook and place it into the vise. Start the thread at the rear of the hook and wrap back just short of the bend of the hook, at this point tie in a piece of fine copper wire and wrap over it to the bend of the hook. Now tie in the black pheasant tail so the length of the tail is about the same length as the shank of the hook. Wrap the thread forward to just behind the bead leaving room for the thorax and hackle.

2) Wrap the fibers of the pheasant tail to form the body of the fly, tie off the ends and trim them off. Now counter-wrap the wire forward to rib the fly. Next tie in several strands of peacock herl by the tips and wrap them around the hook to form the thorax of the fly. One way to add strength to the peacock herl is to wrap thread around it.

3) Next tie in several strands of the ostrich herl and wrap them around the hook to form the hackle of the fly. Make several wraps of thread to secure the herl and trim it off. Whip-finish the thread and cut it off.

