

# Classic Soft Hackle Wet Fly (Two Versions)

**Hook:** Standard wet fly Mustad 3906 # 10–14

**Thread:** Black 8/0

**Ribbing:** Copper for pheasant and Silver for peacock

**Body:** Pheasant tail or Peacock herl

**Hackle:** Partridge

1) Begin the fly by placing a debarbed hook into the vise. Begin the thread at the back of the hook wrapping to the bend. First tie in the copper wire securing it at the bend. Next select 6 -7 long pheasant tail fibers and tie them in by the tip section.

2) Wrap the thread forward towards the eye of the hook, leaving enough room for the hackle and head of the fly. Now wrap the bundle of pheasant tail fibers forward forming a smooth even body, tie this off and trim the excess. Counter-wrap the copper wire in a spiral fashion over the body of the fly, this should only take about four wraps. Finally take a partridge feather and gently pull off the barbs from the top of it, tie this in and make no more than one or two wraps around the hook. Tie off the feather and wrap a small neat head.

To make the second fly just substitute the peacock herl and silver wire for the pheasant.

