

FLASHBACK

PHEASANT TAIL

Hook: 2xl nymph hook 12–18

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: Pheasant tail fibers (pt)

Body: Pheasant tail fibers (pt)

Rib: Copper wire

Wing case: Clear mylar

Thorax: Peacock herl

Legs: Pheasant tail fibers

Head: Thread

1) Place a debarbed hook into the vice and start the thread at the rear of the hook wrapping back to the bend. Tie in a small clump of pt fibers to form the tail of the fly, they should be about the length of the shank of the hook. Now tie in the copper wire and let it hang out of the way. Tie in a small clump, about 6–8 fibers of pt by the tips at the base of the tail, advance the thread up towards the eye where the body will end. Carefully take up the clump of pt and start wrapping them up the shank of the hook tying it off when you have wrapped the complete body. Next counter wrap the copper wire to form a rib over the body, secure this and trim.

2) Tie in a strip of mylar in front of the body and hang it out of the way. Tie in a small clump of pt fibers with the tips facing forward, these will form the legs later. Now tie in 3 strands of peacock by the tips, wrap them around the thread to form a rope and wrap this around the hook to form the thorax, tie off and trim. Fold over the mylar and tie it off in front of the thorax. Next divide the pt and fold it back along the sides of the fly to form the legs, secure this with some wraps for the head, whip finish it and it is done.

