

Zug Bug

Materials Needed:

Hook: TMC 3761 #8-18

Thread: Black 8/0 UNI

Weight: Lead Wire

Underbody: Dark Dubbing, Black Superfine

Tail: Peacock Sword fibers

Rib: Silver Wire

Collar: Brown Hen Neck

Wingcase: Mallard Flank Dyed Wood Duck Gold



Make about a dozen wraps of lead wire on the hook shank.

Make a thread dam on either end of the lead wraps, tapering up onto the lead from the bare shank.

Make sure to leave a bit of room at the front of the shank behind the eye.

Dub a smoothly tapered underbody using a fine dark dubbing.



Tie 4-5 peacock swords, just short of a shank length, at the bend of the hook forming the tail, curve upwards.

Tie a piece of silver wire in at the bend of the hook.

Return the thread to the front of the underbody.

Wrap the peacock herls forward to about an eye length behind the hook eye and tie them off. Clip the excess peacock herls here.



Spiral wrap the wire forward over the peacock to the front of the body, tie off with a couple tight turns and clip or helicopter the excess.

Tie a hen neck feather at the front edge of the body with the inside of the feather facing the body.

Fold the hackle fibers back for a wet fly style collar.

Wrap the hen feather three or four turns and tie it off.



Tie tip section of mallard flank feather.

Whip finish the thread.

Clip the mallard feather straight across at the fifty-fifty point. Make sure this cut is perpendicular to the body of the fly and not angled. Flies with angled wingcases will only catch the dumb fish.

