

Skinny Nelson

Materials Needed:

Hook: TMC 3761 #16-20

Bead: (Optional) Black Tungsten, sized to hook

Thread: Black 70 Denier

Tail: Ringneck Pheasant Tail Fibers

Rib: Small Gold Wire

Abdomen: Black 70 Denier Tying Thread

Wingcase: Pearl Flashabou

Thorax: Peacock Herl



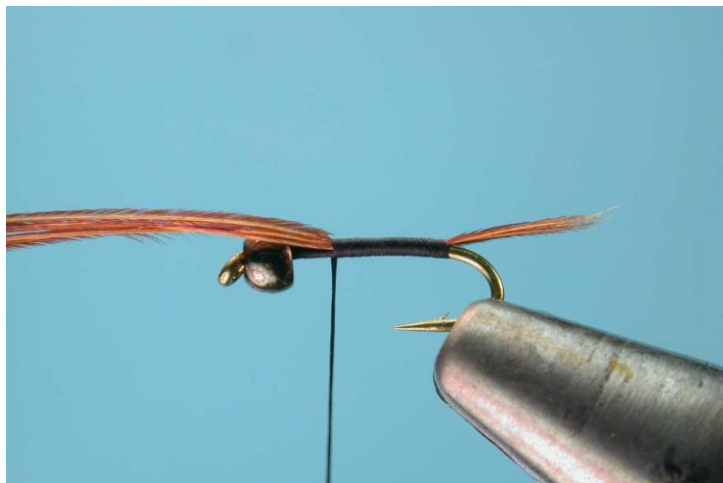
Place the bead on the hook.

Start the tying thread behind the bead and wrap a smooth thread base back to the bend.

Select three or four pheasant tail fibers and even their tips 2/3 of a shank long.

Tie the pheasant fibers in at the bend of the hook with a couple firm wraps of thread.

Wrap the thread forward over the butt ends of the pheasant tail fibers to the back of the bead.



Clip the butt ends of the pheasant tail fibers flush against the bead.

Tie in a length of small gold wire right behind the bead.

Wrap back over the wire with the thread to the bend of the hook, then return the thread to the back of the bead forming a smooth, slightly tapered abdomen as you go. Do not bulk the fly up with a bunch of thread here...it's called a SKINNY Nelson for a reason!



Spiral wrap the wire forward from the bend and tie it off at the bead. Clip the excess.

Tie in Two strands of pearl Flashabou at the center of their length right behind the bead.

Pull the long front ends of the flash back over the abdomen and tie them in place with a couple turns of thread as shown...



Tie several small peacock herls in by their tips just behind the bead.

Wrap the thread back over the peacock to the seventy-five percent point. Roll the herls in your fingertips to bunch them into a cord.

Wrap the corded peacock herl forward to the back edge of the bead and tie off. Clip the excess peacock.



Pull all four strands of flash over the top of the peacock herl thorax and tie them off at the immediate back edge of the bead.

Fold the long ends of the flash back once again and trap them under a few firm wraps of thread. Folding the flash like this will prevent it from pulling out when you fish it.

Clip the excess flash.

Whip finish. (See above for completed fly).

