

POSSIE BUGGER

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Here is a fly developed in Oregon and being very effective, is the favorite fly of several of our club members. Australian Opossum is the primary material the fly is made from, hence the name Possie.

Hook: 1x or 2x long hook size 8 to 16

Bead: Tungsten bead

Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0 to match the hook size.

Tail: You can use Australian Opossum or Woodchuck or Rabbit and Flashabou on both sides of the tail.

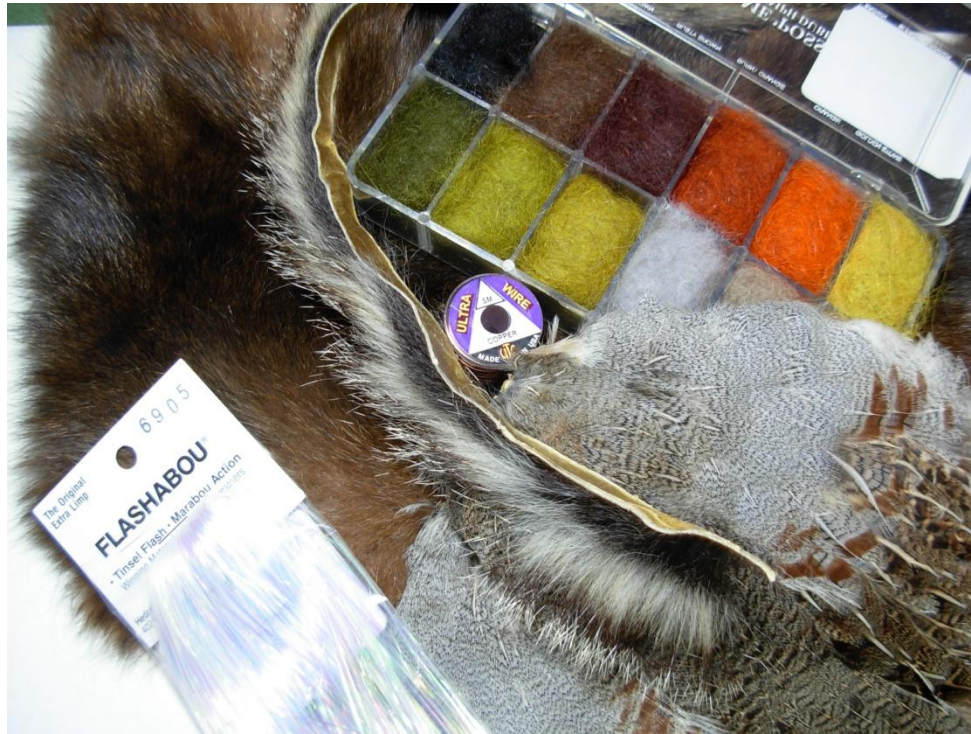
Body: Australian Opossum fur dubbed on the tying thread. (Awesome 'Possum)

Rib: Flashabou wrapped anti clockwise and sm copper wire wrapped clockwise.

Hackle: Brown phase Hungarian Partridge

Collar: Black Australian Opossum dubbing (Awesome 'Possum)

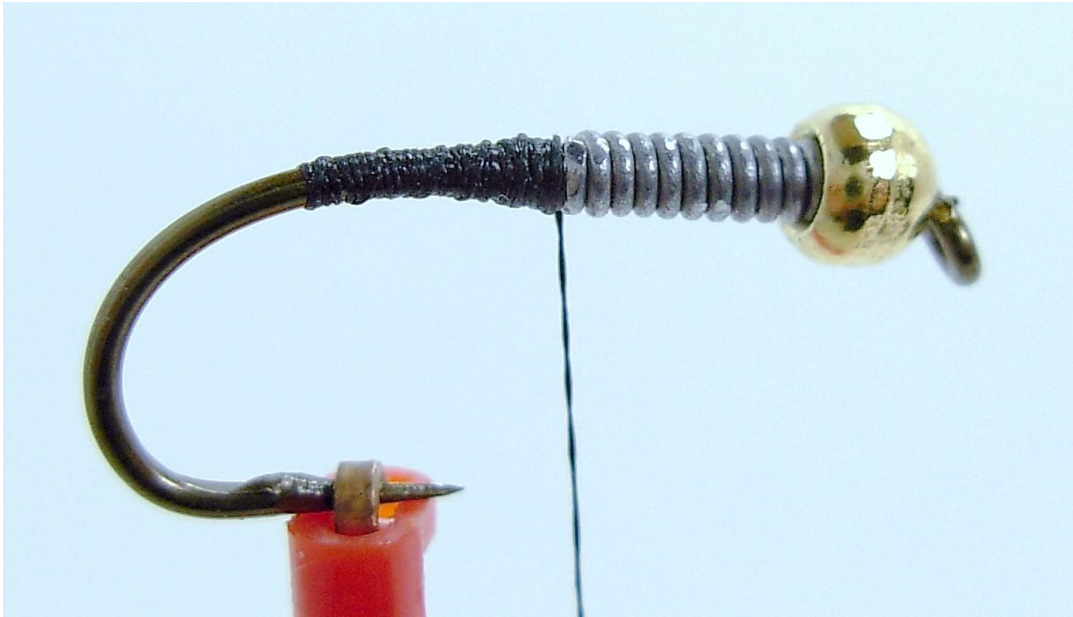
Materials used to make the fly plus the hook and bead head.



Pick your hook, place the bead head and wrap 10 turns of lead free wire.



Wrap a thread dam behind the wire and taper the transition.



Select the tail material, size should be the hook shank and tie in. Place the Flashabou by folding around the tying thread and position it on the side of the hook secure and do the same for the other side.



Tie in the Copper Wire rib material. Tie in the Flashabou material.



Dub the thread with Opossum dubbing and wrap, making the body.



Wrap the Flashabou rib material anti clockwise, secure and cut the excess.



Wrap the Copper Wire clock wise, secure and cut the excess. This step is to protect the Flashabou rib.



Select a Brown Partridge feather, prepare by removing excess fluff, and tie the feather in by the tip.



Wrap the Partridge feather, secure and cut the excess.



Dub the tying thread with dyed black Opossum fur, wrap the collar and make a whip finish knot behind the bead head.

