

Split Case Mayfly Nymph

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Materials Needed:

Hook: TMC 5262 #16-20.

Thread: Brown 8/0.

Tail: Natural Mallard Flank Fibers.

Rib: Ultra Wire Small Gray.

Abdomen & Thorax: Mahogany Brown Superfine Dubbing.

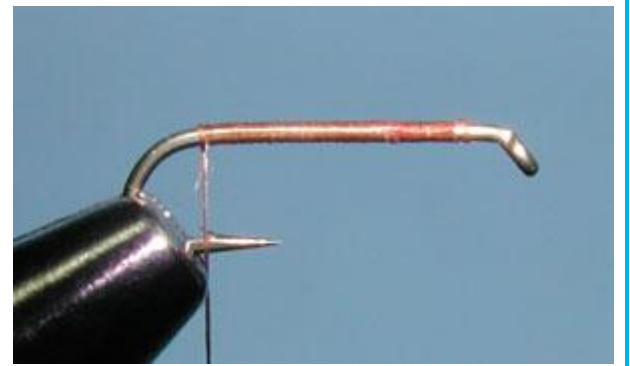
Wingcase: Black Goose Biots.

Wingbuds: Yellow marked .5mm White Foam.

Legs: Natural Mallard Flank Fibers.



1. Attach the hook, lay a thread foundation from behind the eye to the bend of the hook (barb).



2. Snip a small number of fibers from the Mallard Flank Feather with the tips even. The tail length should be about 2/3 the shank length.



3. Snip off the butt end of the tailing fibers. Place a piece of wire ribbing under the shank, behind the eye, and secure with thread wraps, wrapping back to the tail tie-in position. Try to keep the wire positioned at the bottom of the shank.

4. Dub a tight, tapered abdomen to just beyond the midpoint of the shank.



5. Wrap the wire ribbing forward with about 5 equally spaced turns. Clip off the butt end of the wire and secure with thread wraps.



6. Secure two Black Goose Biots by the butt ends behind the eye. Note that there is a slight crossing of the biots with some overlap. This will give the slight split effect. You can increase the split effect by placing the biots further down along the side of the shank.



7. Trim a thin section of Yellow foam to a small point, attach to the top of the shank behind the hook. You can use white foam and color it yellow. The edges of the foam should not exceed the width of the biots along the side edge, so make sure you use a thin section. Secure with thread wraps.

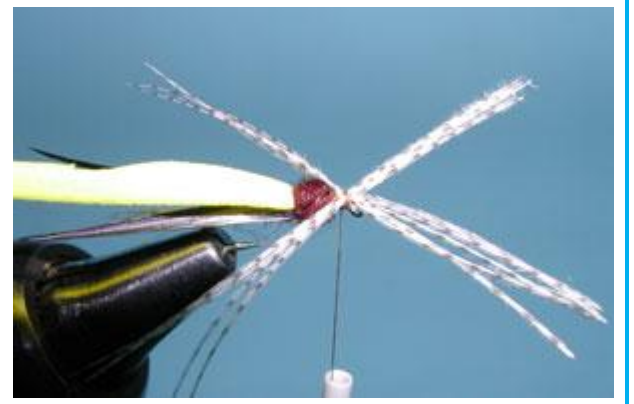


8. Dub a thorax twice the diameter of the abdomen.

9. The thorax should be a tightly wrapped ball, taking care not to crowd the eye.



10. Snip two small segments of Mallard Flank Fibers for the legs. Attach each segment just behind the eye to the top of the shank in a crossing position. Secure with only a couple of thread wraps.



11. You can pull on the butt ends of each segment to adjust the length of the legs. I like to adjust the length so that they just exceed the length of the thorax. Then secure with 3-4 tight thread wraps.



12. Pull the foam over the thorax and secure the foam just behind the eyes. Note the edges of the foam do not exceed past the center of the thorax, allowing the legs to still splay out along the side of the thorax.



13. Next, pull the two biots forward and secure these just behind the eye. Note the split, allowing the yellow foam to spot through. Secure with thread wraps.



14. Trim off the butt ends of the biots and wrap a small thread head. Whip Finish.



