

Bird's Nest Nymph

Materials Needed:

Hook: TMC 3761 #10-16

Bead: Gold (optional)

Thread: Tan or Black 6/0 or 8/0

Tail: Lemon Woodduck Flank (Mallard)

Rib: Small Copper Wire

Abdomen: Natural Australian Opossum

Thorax: Natural Australian Opossum

Legs: Lemon Woodduck Flank (Mallard)



Make a base of thread. Attach the wire ribbing.

Select a Wood-duck Flank feather that is flat on the top. Clip the tip with about 15-20 fibers. Measure the tip for a length to be about the same as the hook shank and attach the fibers at the bend of the hook.



Dub along the hook shank creating a tapered body to just past the midpoint of the shank.

Wrap the ribbing to the end of the dubbing and tie off.



Using the feather that you clipped the tip from, utilize the remaining fibers for the legs. Position the feather at the top of the shank with the ends just protruding beyond the hook bend. Using your thumb and index finger, distribute the fibers around the shank and tie off.



Add more dubbing for a thorax. This dubbed area should be larger in diameter than the body with a more buggy / spiky appearance.

Whip finish a small thread head.

