

GRBH Hare's Ear Nymph

Materials Needed:

Hook: TMC 3761 #12-20

Bead: Gold

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

Tail: Hare Mask Guard Hairs

Rib: Gold Oval Tinsel

Abdomen: Hare's Ear

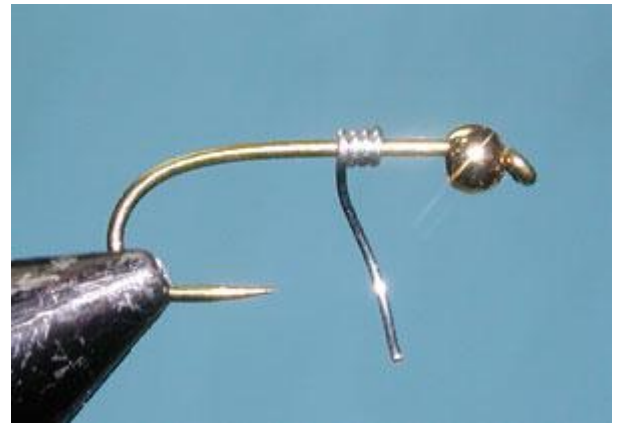
Wingcase: Mottled Turkey

Thorax: Hare's Ear



Slide a Gold Bead up the hook. I like to use a small piece of lead wire to fill the void of the bead. 3-4 turns will do it, then slide the lead into the void. The stub of the lead can be used to anchor the lead with thread wraps.

Make a base with thread wraps to the bend of the hook.



Clip a segment of fur from between the eyes of the Hare's Mask. Pinching the tips of the fur, pull out the underfur gently until most of it is removed. The tips should be relatively even. Measure the material against the shank. The tail should be about one half the shank length of the hook. Attach the tail using a pinch method, this will keep the tail material on the top of the hook shank.

Clip the butts ends of the tail material about 3/4 up the hook shank

Attach the oval rib wire to the underside of hook shank and wrap back stopping just short of the tail tie-in position.



Some like to wax the thread but I find that the cheek material is soft enough to apply the dubbing to the thread by twisting the material without wax. Apply the dubbing sparsely, just covering the thread. Apply 1-2 wraps behind the ribbing first then wrap the dubbing forward to the 3/4 position of the hook shank. You want a tapered abdomen. Note the guard hairs extending from the dubbing.



Wrap the ribbing forward 3-4 turns with some evenly spaced wraps.

Clip a section of dark mottled turkey feather for a wingcase. Wrap the wingcase material back to the 60% position of the hook shank. This is where the thorax will begin.



Use dubbing from the forehead of the mask, you'll see that it is much coarser. You might need to use wax to assist in the application. Use at least 3x the amount used for the abdomen. Dub from 60% to the bead. Make it big and spiky.



Bring the wingcase over the thorax and secure with some thread warps.

Whip finish and apply head cement if you wish. Pick out hairs on the thorax for a buggy look.

