

## Blue Wing Olive Soft Hackle



Hook: Standard wet fly hook, sizes 14-16-18 or smaller (Diachii 1550, Mustad Heritage R50)  
Thread: Olive thread (8/0; 70 denier) or Olive gossamer silk  
Abdomen: Olive dyed pheasant tail; Thread or silk; or Olive goose biots (omit wire rib)  
Rib: Copper, Brass, Gold or Olive fine (x-small) wire  
Tail: Olive dyed pheasant tail (preferred), Coq de Leon or none. Sparse, ½ length of shank  
Thorax: Olive dyed pheasant tail, Peacock herl, Glass bead, or none  
Hackle: Hungarian Partridge

*Demonstrated 1/18/23 with underlined materials*

There are multiple variations of this fly on the web, reflected in the options above. You can experiment or simply use the materials at hand. BWOs can be tied as dries, emergers, soft hackles, standard nymphs or perdigons. I find that fish like the soft hackles or emergers during a hatch – they are apparently easier for fish to catch, and anytime you might expect BWOs/Baetis species to be present.

Links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnghXo4PEK4>

[https://www.leewulftu.org/Images/flies/BWO\\_Soft\\_Hackle.pdf](https://www.leewulftu.org/Images/flies/BWO_Soft_Hackle.pdf)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rh-1KM7zKYI> (three variations: dry, perdigon, emerger)