



Lightning Bug

Materials

Hook: Dai Riki 060 or TMC 3761, #12 – 18

Thread: 8/0 black

Bead: Gold or silver

Tail: Pheasant tail

Rib Copper or silver wire – small

Body: Pearlescent mylar – medium or silver tinsel

Thorax: Peacock herl

Wingcase: Pearl tinsel – large

Legs: Hen back fibers – brown

Directions

1. Place bead on hook.
2. Start thread behind bead.
3. Tie in tail, using 4 to 6 pheasant tail fibers which should be hook shank in length.
4. Tie in wire for rib at hook barb.
5. Tie in body material and wind forward with overlapping wraps.
6. Counter-wrap wire rib with 5 or 6 evenly spaced wraps and tie off.
7. Tie in wingcase.
8. Tie in peacock herl and wrap forward.
9. Select 4 – 5 fibers for legs and tie in on each side.
10. Pull wingcase forward and tie off with 3 or 4 thread wraps. Pull wingcase backwards and add a couple more thread wraps to secure. Trim wingcase.
11. Whip finish and trim thread.

Note: There are many variations to the Lightning Bug. Substitute Peacock Ice Dub for real peacock in the thorax. Or try purple holographic tinsel for the body. Use pheasant tail fibers for legs. Are you a steelhead fly fisher? Tie it on a size 6 hook and use it as a dropper.