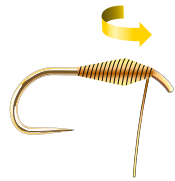


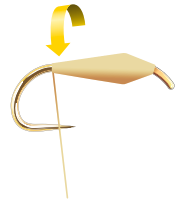
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## Step by Step Guide



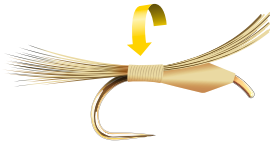
### STEP 1

Wrap the lead wire along the hook shank, starting behind the eye. Take the wire one third way along the hook shank and back again creating a tapered shape to the body.



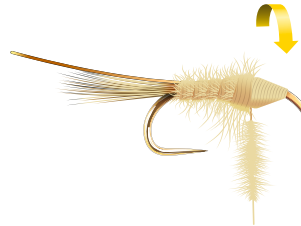
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Starting behind the eye, wind the thread down the hook shank to the start of the bend covering the wire.



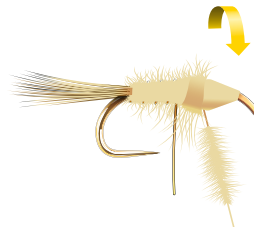
### STEP 3

Add the tail of Pheasant feather fibers using the pinch & loop method. Repeating 4 to 5 times. Trim off excess fibers at front.



### STEP 6

Wrap the dubbing around the shank of the hook moving towards the thorax.



### STEP 7

Wrap the rib around the dubbing in equal proportions moving forward until you reach the thorax.



### STEP 8

Tie in 6/8 pheasant tail feathers. Starting at the thorax pointing back.



### STEP 9

Build up thorax with dubbing into a rugby ball shape.



### STEP 10

Bring wing case (pheasant feathers) forward over the rugby shaped thorax and secure with 5 or 6 turns. Snip off any excess pheasant tail and secure in place by building head and finish off using your whip fishing tool.

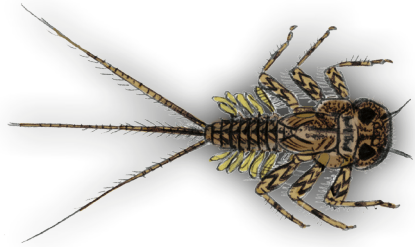
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## About the Hare's Ear Nymph

The Hare's Ear Nymph is one of the most popular flies used by anglers when fishing for trout on rivers, and it will also catch trout when fishing on lakes/loughs. It is a very versatile fly, as it looks like a lot of different food items that a trout might feed on. It particularly looks like an olive nymph, which is the stage of an aquatic fly where it lives under the surface of the water. These nymphs spend their life underwater, (hiding in the gravel, rocks and debris on the bed of the river), before swimming to the surface and hatching out as flies. It is when they are swimming to the surface that they are most vulnerable, and trout are most likely to attack them at this time.



Olive Nymph

The easiest way to fish with the Hare's Ear Nymph is to cast across the stream and let the fly drift along with the current. The current should bring the fly downstream in an arc, and when the fly approaches your bank, the fly line will start to straighten and the fly will rise a little bit in the water. This is often when a fish takes the fly, as the fly looks like the real insect swimming up to the surface to hatch out.

## Equipment needed

The following tools are required to tie the Hare's Ear Nymph:

1) Vice, 2) whip finishing tool, 3) bobbin holder, 4) scissors, 5) hooks (size 16 - 8).



Fly Tying Tools

## Materials Needed

The following fly tying materials are needed to tie the Hare's Ear Nymph:

1) Lead wire, 2) Black pre-waxed tying thread, 3) hare's ear fur (brown seals fur can be used as substitute), 4) gold rib in size medium, and 5) cock pheasant feathers.



Materials for the Hare's Ear Nymph

## When fishing please remember the fishing ethics:

- Respect other anglers' rights.
- Buy a fishing licence/permit where appropriate.
- Adhere to fishing & boating regulations.
- Respect rights of property owners
- Practise Catch Photo and Releases fish caught (CPR)
- Observe 'Leave no Trace' principles.
- Share knowledge with others.
- Learn about different species of fish in their area.
- Give back by getting involved in conservation programmes or activities.

