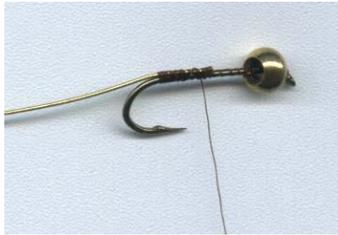


Bead Head Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear... Originator Unknown

HOOK	Mustad 9671 or equivalent
THREAD	Tan 6/0
TAIL	Partridge hackle barbs
ABDOMEN	Light hare's ear dubbing
RIB	Medium gold wire
THORAX	Dark hare's ear dubbing
WINGCASE	Dark turkey quill
LEGS	Partridge hackle barbs



1. Bend down hook barb. Place bead on hook, smaller hole first. Place hook in vise and lay thread base from bead back to hook bend. Place wire atop shank with end half way towards hook eye and other end of wire extending to rear of hook. Tie in wire from forward end back to hook bend.

2. Push wire down and away to make room for tail. Select 15-20 hackle barbs and tie in at bend with barbs extending no more than 1/2" to the rear. Clip excess. Dub a full abdomen. Wrap 4-5 turns forward with wire to form rib. Cut off excess (but not with your good scissors).



3. Cut a 1/4" segment of barbs from turkey quill. Tie in near bottom of barbs about 1/4 shank length back from bead with shiny side up. Dub thorax slightly fuller than abdomen.

4. Select 15-20 hackle barbs and tie in as legs on far side. Legs should point down at roughly a 60 degree angle extending no further than hook point. Repeat on near side. Trim excess. Bring turkey quill forward and tie in just behind the bead. Whip finish and cut thread. Apply head cement to thread wraps and entire wing case.



NOTES: The hare's ear nymph, in its basic form, precedes us all by centuries. Variations abound and all catch fish. The tail can be duck flank, guard hairs from the hare's mask or even squirrel tail. The rib can be wire or tinsel or crystal flash, The dubbing for abdomen and thorax may have flash mixed in the hare's ear. The wingcase may be made of other dark quills or flash material or entirely absent, especially in small sizes. The legs could be any variegated hackle or simply the guard hairs of the thorax picked out. Rubber hackle might be added to or substituted for the tail and legs. In any of its forms it is deadly, one of the very best. See you at the Bull Session...Jerry