

Quick Ties with Tom Regina... Brassie

HOOK	Mustad 9671 or other 2X long, 2X heavy, size 12-20.
THREAD	Black or brown 6/0 or 8/0.
BODY	Brass, copper or colored wire.
HEAD	Black or brown dubbing or peacock herl.



1. Crush the hook barb and fix the hook in the vise. Using a jam knot, start the thread about two hook eyes distance behind the hook eye. In touching turns wind the thread back to the hook bend then back to the front tie-in position. Cut a length of wire and mount it on top of the hook shank with several tight thread wraps.



2. Continue thread wraps to the rear, securing the wire to the top of the hook shank, stopping at the rear thread wraps. Cut away the excess wire at the front of the fly and wrap the thread forward to cover the tag end of the wire.



3. Make the first wire wrap behind the rear thread wraps. In close tight turns, wrap the wire forward.



4. Stop the forward wire wraps at the position shown and tie off the wire with several tight thread wraps. Clip away the excess wire and cover the tag end with a few thread wraps.



5. Dub the head or tie on and wrap peacock herl for the head. Build a neat tapered thread finish head and cement the thread head.

The Brassie is a quick and simple fly to tie. This nymph was developed in the Southwest, and is now fished all over. The Brassie nymph imitation sinks like a rock and is very productive on rivers and streams with lots of caddis.