



Soft Hackle Fly- Partridge and Orange

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Hook: Regular size 10 to 18.

Thread: 8/0

Body: Wool, two strands, orange or another colour; or

Hare's Ear, dubbed.

Hackle: Partridge (good speckles)

Method

- Wind thread from eye to rear, in touching turns, ending even with the barb.
- Wind in wool (or dubbing, if preferred) at rear, then advance thread to 2 mm behind eye.
- When wool or dubbed body is wound forward, make final wrap AHEAD of hanging thread.
- Wrap of thread locks wool in place, next 3 wraps locks wool STRONGLY in place.
- Wrap thread to eye and back to wool, trim away the surplus body material.
- Prepare partridge (or similar) feather: strip fluff from stem, gently stroke feather to right angles to stem, leaving a tiny bit of tip to be trimmed, and tie in just behind eye.
- Grasp butt stem of feather with hackle pliers and gently wrap feather 2 to 3 wraps so that feather fibres spread out at right angles to hook. Stroke feather tips slightly rearward as you wind. Tie off.
- Wind a head and finish with a half hitch. Observe your work and make any adjustments, such as insuring hackle is uniformly distributed around hook.
- Finally make a three-turn half hitch and call it a WHIP FINISH. A small dot of head cement and you are done!