

6X Emerger:

Hook: TMC 3761, size 18

TMC 2487, Curved Shank, size 18

Thread: Black, Ultra 70

Rib: Gold or copper wire

Body: Pheasant Tail Fibers

Wing: White Zelon or Para Post

Thorax: Peacock Herl

This is a pattern that is being tied by Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellow Stone. Crimp the barb of the hook and start the thread just behind the hook eye. Tin in the wire rib and wrap thread over the rib, holding to the side, continue to the hook bend.

Cut four pheasant tail fibers from a center tail feather and attach them where the hook starts to bend. Coat the hook shank with cement and wrap the fibers to a point 1/3 hook shank behind the eye of the hook and tie off. Trim the excess and counter wrap the wire to the same point and tie off.

Cut a ½ inch piece of wing material and tie in at the point you stopped wrapping the herl. Tie the wing material so it lays extended beyond the eye of the hook. Now fold over the wing material that was extending beyond the eye to double up on the wing. Wrap were it joins the hook with thread to cause the wing to lie down.

Tie in two strands of peacock herl and wrap the thorax. For strength you can twist the herl around the thread before wrapping. Tie off the herl just behind the eye and secure with a finishing knot. Cement the head. Trim the wing so it is even with the hook point (straight hook) and with the barb is using a curved hook. This fly suggests an ascending nymph, an emerger with wing exposed or a crippled dun.