

Bead -Head Flashback Pheasant Tail:

Hook: Mustad 94840 #16-20

Bead: Gold. 5/64

Thread: Tan 70 denier

Weight: .15 lead/non-tox. 6-7 wraps

Tail: Pheasant tail fibers

Abdomen: Pheasant tail fibers. 4-5 strands

Thorax: Peacock herl. 2-3 strands

Rib: Fine copper wire

Back: 4-5 pheasant tail fibers. Four strands of Krystal Flash-pearl

Legs: Ends of pheasant tail fibers used for back

Begin by placing the debarbed hook into your vice, having first slid the bead onto it. Wrap your lead around the hook shank and slid up tight against the bead. Now apply your thread to the hook, placing several wraps behind the lead and up over it to secure. Wrap the thread to the bend of the hook and tie in the pheasant tail fibers and the copper wire. Leave the ends of the fibers hang back a hook gap for the tail. Coat the thread wraps with cement and immediately wrap the tail fibers two thirds of the way to the bead. Secure the fibers with a couple wraps of thread and wind the wire the opposite direction up to the same point (loose wraps) and tie off. Take the Krystal Flash and tie the end behind the bead. Do the same with the tail fibers you will use for the back. Now tie in the peacock herl and wrap it around the hook, tight against the bead 3-4 times. Tie off and cut off the excess. Fold the tail fibers used for the back of the fly over the herl and tie down...do not trim as the ends will become the legs. Fold the Krystal Flash over the top of the tail fibers and tie down with 2-3 wraps and trim. Divide the ends of the tail fibers that will become the legs and tie them back. Trim to an appropriate length. Tie off with 2-3 half hitches and apply head cement.

I generally fish this fly as the bottom fly, with a heavier fly, such as a prince tied on top.