

NYMPH FORMALLY KNOWN AS PRINCE:

This is an old standby and a nymph I rely upon a lot. The version I tie is a bit different from the original in that I use red thread and wrap it half way around the bend of the hook so it is exposed. This is a bead head nymph.

Hook: Mustad 94840, #16-14

Thread: Ultra thread 70 denier

Bead: Gold-3/32-1/8

Weight: Lead/no-tox .20 9-10 wraps

Abdomen/thorax: 3-4 strands Peacock herl

Tail: 2 brown goose biots

Rib: Fine silver wire

Wing: 2 white goose biots

Legs: Krystal Flash-pearl (4-5 strands)

Begin by placing the hook (I use barbless or crush them) in your vice, having put the bead in place. Next, wrap your lead or no tox around the hook shank and push it up tight to the bead. Now begin wrapping your thread behind the lead and up over it to help hold it in place. Take the brown biots and place them on the hook, divided and tie down. This can take a bit of practice. Attach the wire by wrapping it securely with the tying thread. Attach the herl in the same manner. Now, take your fly cement and coat the thread wraps before winding the herl around the hook and up to the bead. This will result in longer life for your fly. Twist the herl together prior to tightly wrapping it. Once at the bead, tie the herl in place with two to three wraps. Follow the herl with the silver wire, wrapping in the opposite direction from the herl; tie off at the bead. Taking the white biots, tie them to the top of the fly, just behind the bead. Be sure to spread them just a bit. Take your Krystal Flash tie a short section to the underside of the bead. I generally just allow it to touch the point of the hook. Cut off the excess. Tie off the fly with 3-4 half hitches and place cement on the knots.

I generally fish the prince as the top fly, with a pheasant tail on the bottom. The weight ensures it gets deep.