



Bead-Head Prince Nymph

The Prince Nymph was developed and named by Doug Prince (not named for the singer as one of our members is proclaiming). It is an attractor nymph which simulates a stonefly by virtue of its biot tail.

The materials used in this tie are listed in the order they are applied to the hook.

Supplies:

- Size 12 hook 3X long nymph or streamer hook.
- Gold plated bead 1/8 " in diameter for size 12-14 hooks
- Lead wire .015
- Black Thread 8/0
- 2- brown biots for back legs
- Size medium French Tinsel gold color
- 4-5 strands of Peacock Herl
- 2- White Biots for wing case.
- Brown saddle hackle for front legs/gills
- Head cement for finishing

Successful completion of the fly depends on this order.

Directions:

1. Put gold bead on hook with the point going thru the small end of the bead first.
2. Place hook in vise.
3. Wrap 8-10 turns of the lead wire around hook, and slide forward into the large end of the bead head. This centers the bead on the hook shaft.
4. Attach thread and wrap around the end of the lead to make a transition and to hold wire in place. This would be a good time to apply a drop of head cement to the thread and lead.
5. Wrap thread to the end of the hook shank. The end of the hook shank is usually directly above the barb of the hook.
6. Take several wraps of thread or a very small ball of dubbing so as to make a small ball at the end of the shank. This will spread the biots used for the tail.
7. Tie one at a time the two brown biots, with the cup facing outwards. The amount of biots past the ball of thread should be roughly the length of the shank. Better to be shorter than longer.
8. Attach the gold tinsel to the shank and wrap thread to the ball of dubbing.
9. Arrange the butts of the peacock evenly and trim the tips so they are even.
10. Attach to the hook along the shank and butts to the rear of the hook.
11. Then wrap the thread to the bead-head.
12. Attach the white biots, with the cup upwards, with a slight splay and a length that when the biots are folded backwards the tips will be near the barb of the hook.
13. Wrap the thread to where the peacock and make a rope of the thread and peacock.
14. Then palmer the rope to the head and tie off. Wrap the tinsel to the head, use about 5 wraps then tie off.
15. Trim both peacock and tinsel.
16. Make two wraps of hackle tie off and trim.
17. Trim feather fibers that are at the top of the fly.
18. Then fold the white biots back over the body and wrap in place.
19. Make head and cement head. FINISHED!!

A detailed tutorial of this fly can be found at www.hipwader.com. There is a group of flies tied by O'Reilly and it will be listed there.