

Fly of the Month

Mirage

This is a fly pattern I picked up many years ago on a trip to the Deschutes. It was my first trip, and I happened to be in Tigard so took the opportunity to stop by Kaufman's Streamborn shop. Of the hand full of flies I walked out with, this one fly has brought countless fish to hand. I like to fish it as a dropper.



Recipe

Hook – 12-20 Scud

Thread – Black Uni 8/0

Bead – Gold Tungsten (size to hook)

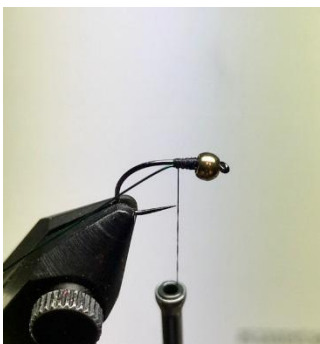
Body – Green Uni Wire BR size

Thorax – Peacock

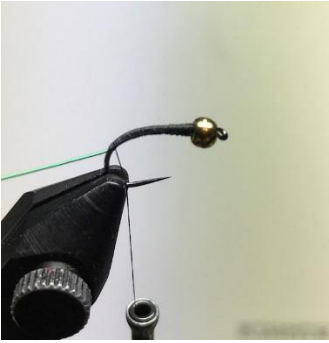
Hackle – Medium Dun CDC



Place the bead on the hook and then secure it in the vise. Start the thread behind the hook.



Start the wire on the near side of the hook and advance the thread rearward keeping the wire on the near side.



Continue to wrap the thread rearward tying the wire down to the bend of the hook. Advance the thread to the back of the bead.



Wrap the wire forward with touching wraps to just behind the bead leaving it about three wraps short of the bead.



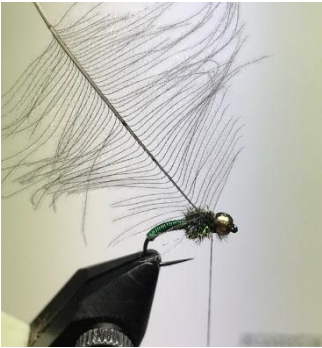
Attach peacock herl by the tips. You can wrap it the individual strands forward or to make it a little more durable you can use a dubbing loop.



Wrap the herl forward to just short of the bead.



Tie in a single CDC feather tip first.



Wrap the CDC feather 3-4 turns. Tie off and whip finish.



Pull the CDC hackle rearward and trip to the back of the hook. Scissors will give you a more blunt cut. To soften the look trim by pulling the feather with your fingers.



Good Fishing.
Kent Toomb