

Fly of the Month

Flashback Pheasant Tail Nymph

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Recipe

Hook:	Dai Riki #125, size 16.
Thread:	Brown
Bead:	5/64" gold tungsten
Tail:	pheasant tail tips
Abdomen	pheasant tail
Rib:	Fine copper wire
Flash:	Holo tinsel
Thorax:	Peacock Herl
Legs:	Brown hackle

The Flashback Pheasant Tail Nymph (often abbreviated as FBPT) is an incredibly effective fly under a variety of conditions. I use it mostly off the back of other flies or as the point fly in a hopper-dropper combination. It works well in freestone rivers like the Bltterroot, tailwaters such as the Missouri and productive lakes like Browns lake. The Dai Riki hook I use has a really large gape which aids in hookups.



To tie the fly first slip a bead onto the hook (I generally put a dozen beads on hooks before I start). Lay down a base of brown thread and then tie in 4-5 pheasant tail tips as a tail. Attach the fine copper wire and then tie in at least 3 pheasant tail fibers. Apply cement. Wrap the pheasant tail fibers up to 2/3 of the shank length followed by the copper wire rib wrapped in the opposite direction. Tie both off. Tie in a piece of Holo Tinsel. Tie in and then wrap at least three peacock herls to form the thorax. Tie in a small brown hackle and wrap it once around the Peacock. Pull the tinsel over the hackle to the bead and tie it off. Trim the bottom of the hackle flush with the body.