

STRIPPED PEACOCK & HERL

An Ed Engle Pattern

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Materials List:

Hook: TMC 2487, Size 18 or smaller

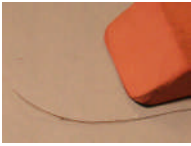
Thread: 8/0 or Smaller, Black

Abdomen: Stripped Peacock Herl

Thorax: Peacock Herl

Directions:

1. Debarb your hook and tie in a thread base from the eye to just past the barb of the hook.
2. Select a smaller stem (width) peacock herl^a and remove the flues by rubbing the stem on both sides with a pencil eraser. You can also do this with your fingers.

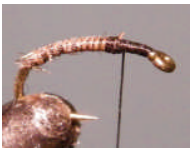


Note: It may be necessary to soak the stripped quill in water for 30 minutes to prevent it from splitting or breaking when you wrap it.

3. Remove about 3/4" of the tip end of the stem, clipping at an angle, and tie in on the shank above the barb area.



4. Wrap quill body up the hook to about the 1/3 point using touching wraps. Tie off and remove excess quill.



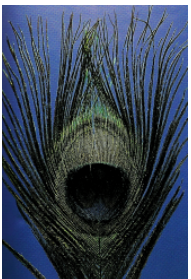
5. Select another piece of herl having shorter flues^b. Remove the tip section and tie in at the end of the quill body. Wrap forward a couple of turns and tie off.



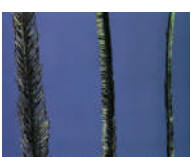
6. Form a small head and whip finish to complete the fly.



^a The strands nearer the eye of the feather usually have narrower quills and are best for stripped quill bodies on small flies.



^b The flue on a peacock herl varies in length. The larger flue may be too long and fill the gap on a small hook. The shorter flue is found towards the base of the tail feather.



Species Caught: brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout.