

Frenchie



According to the Fisherman Blog (true or false?) the story behind the popularity of the Frenchie goes back to a world championship event. A young French kid was kicking butt and taking names at a world championship event a number of years ago. Not wanting to be "that guy," no one asked him what was affixed to the end of his tippet during the event, but everyone wanted to see his fly box upon the event's conclusion. Expecting immaculately-tied, realistic patterns, most were shocked to see a fly box full of simply-tied bugs that were essentially bare-bones pheasant tails.

This fly is especially good for when you need to get flies down fast in heavily moving water.

Materials

Hook:	You use a wide variety of hooks and sizes to keep the pattern evolving in your box. The fly can be tied from 10-18 in an array of different hook styles.
Thread:	Use fluorescent threads - orange, pink and chartreuse in sizes 12/0 to 8/0.
Weight	Different colored beads - pink, chartreuse (Hot spots) or copper, gold, etc.
Body	Pheasant tail – but play with lots of colors such as olive, red, black.
Ribbing:	Copper wire to size.
Collar:	UV Ice Dubbing.

Tying Instructions

- Bend down the barb and slide the bead on the hook.
- Mount the hook in the vice. Start the thread behind the bead.
- Tie in the pheasant tail and copper wire. Advance the pheasant tail forward with touching wraps and tie off. Advance the copper wire forward with open spiral wraps and tie off.
- Dub a small noodle with selected dubbing and create a small collar.
- Whip finish a small hotspot just behind the bead.

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