

Tailwater Tiny

I came across this pattern a number of years ago, up in Montana, at Tim Tollett's Frontier Anglers in Dillon. It is a killer pattern on tailwaters.



Materials:

Hook: TMC 2488 #18-20
Thread: Danville Brown (or color of choice)
Bead: 5/64 or 3/32 Copper
Rib: Small Copper Wire
Body: Thread Danville Brown
Tail: Wood Duck
Thorax: Brown Squirrel
Wings: Flashabou Pearl
Wing Pad: Black Goose Biot

Tying Instructions:

- Place the bead on the hook and mount the hook in the vise.
- Start the thread behind the bead and lay a thread base down around the bend of the shank.
- Select several wood duck fibers and mount them on top of the hook. The tail should be a gap length.
- Return the thread behind the bead and tie on the copper wire down to the bend of the shank.
- Build a tapered body using the tying thread. Return the thread behind the bead.
- Wind the copper wire forward forming the ribbing. Tie it off behind the bead.
- Clip off the end of a goose biot and tie it on to form a wing pad.
- Tie on a piece of flashabou on the near side of the hook. Loop it behind the goose biot and tie it off on the far side of the hook. The loop should extend to the end of the hook shank.
- Form a thorax using the squirrel dubbing.
- Bring the goose biot forward and tie it off to form the wing pad.
- Whip-finish and add a spot of head cement.
- Rough the squirrel dubbing to give the appearance of legs.

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