

# The Griffith Gnat

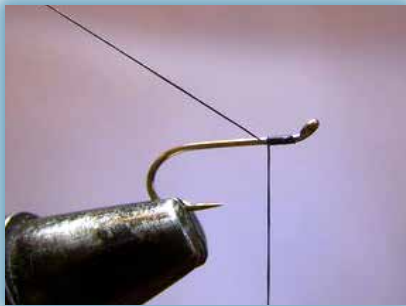
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*A great universal pattern, created in USA by George Griffith, to represent Midge's/Caenis and other small gnat's etc, when trout are "sipping" at anything tiny and unidentifiable that we just "cant see".*



## Dressing

Hook	Dry fly size 16 to 26 (Some tie up to a 12 as in following pictures).	Body	One strand of Peacock herl.
Thread	Fine or micro fine Black thread, such as 14 ought.	Hackle	Very short fibre grizzle cock, palmered down the body.
Tail	Original had NO tail, But there are many variants such as The Sparkle Gnat which has 3 strands of Pearl crinkle or crystal flash as a tail.		



### Step 1

Set hook in vice (ping it) and catch on tying thread.



### Step 2

Run tying thread down to point above and halfway between hook point and barb and remove waste tag.



**Step 3**

*Prepare grizzle hackle...*



**Step 4**

...and tie in hackle, securing stalk then tie in a strand of peacock herl.



**Step 5**

Advance tying thread to eye (leaving enough room to tie in all following materials).



**Step 6**

Wind peacock herl (be careful as it often breaks), in touching turns up hook shank to eye.



**Step 7**

Secure and remove waste.

Tip : Put in a half hitch or whip finish at this stage, as it helps to stop it all unravelling if you loose tension on thread or "bump" the hook.



**Step 8**

Wind the grizzle hackle, in OPEN turns up hook shank to eye, forming the body.



**Step 9**

Secure and remove waste.



**Step 10**

Form neat head, whip finish and put a touch of varnish on wrap's.



**The finished fly.**



**The other side**



**IF YOU REQUIRE FLY TO HAVE A TAIL**

Such as The Sparkle Gnat.

After stage 2, tie in the tailing material, remove excess and carry on from stage 3.

