

Walker's Mayfly Nymph

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A highly visible pattern designed by Richard Walker for fishing Avington and other small clear still waters (and clear southerly streams).

I feel it is best fished on a floating line and long leader with a slow figure of 8 retrieve.



Dressing

Hook	Kamasan B800 size 10 (longshank hook)	Abdomen	Cock Pheasant centre tail fibres
Thread	Dark Brown 6 Ought Uni-Thread	Bands	
Underbody	Veniards 0.60mm lead wire (or flat lead wire)	Body and Thorax	Cream/Ivory Angora Wool (white with a hint of yellow)
Tail	Cock Pheasant centre tail fibres (5-6 fibres)	Wind Case and Legs	Cock Pheasant centre tail fibres
Rib	Dark Brown tying thread		



Step 1

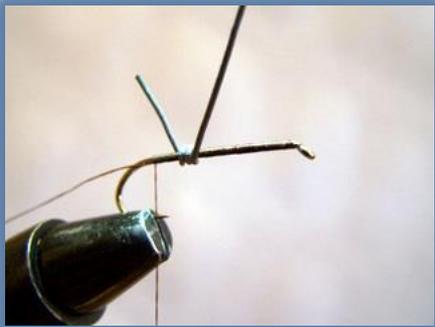
Secure hook in vice (ping it) and catch on dark brown tying thread with a long tag end.



Step 2

Wind on thread to bend in touching turns.

NB **DO NOT** trim waste as this will become the rib later in the tying sequence.



Step 3

Wind 2 inches of Veniards (0.60mm) lead wire around hook shank.

(Flat lead wire laid on and bound to the hook shank can also be used.)



Step 4

Flatten the tag ends of the lead with tweezers.



Step 5

Cover the lead wire with thread wraps and return thread to rear.

(It is beneficial at this stage to coat with superglue to hold everything in place.)



Step 6

At the bend catch in a bunch of cock pheasant centre tail fibres (5 to 6) and a length of cream/ivory angora wool.

Advance thread up hook shank slightly.



Step 7

Wind the wool 5 turns up hook shank, in same direction as the thread, and secure.



Step 8

Twist the excess cock pheasant tail fibres to form a rope and wind 2 turns up hook shank.

Loosen off wool (take back to pheasant tail wraps) and secure excess pheasant tail fibres.



Step 9

Remove excess pheasant tail fibres and advance thread up hook shank to thorax area. (to approx. 2/3rds along hook shank)



Step 10

Wind wool up to thorax area, catch in and secure.



Step 11

Remove excess wool. Wind the tag end thread (that was left at the rear) up hook shank as a rib in the opposite direction to pheasant tail bands.

Secure and remove excess thread.



Step 12

Catch in a bunch of cock pheasant centre tail fibres which will form both the wing case and the legs.



Step 13

Remove excess pheasant tail fibres and bind down the butts.



Step 14

Catch in another length of angora wool.



Step 15

Wind to form a thorax.



Step 16

Remove excess wool and pull pheasant tail fibres forward over thorax to form wing case.



Step 17

Separate/divide the bunch into 2 equal sections and double them back as legs.



Step 18

Form a neat head and whip finish. Varnish head.
Pick out/brush the angora fibres as the gills and trim to length.



The Finished Fly



Top View



Underside View

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