

Grayling Steel Blue (Roger Woolley)

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An excellent grayling fly created by Roger Woolley for fishing the Derbyshire rivers.

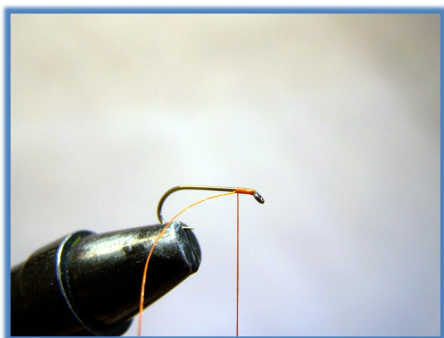
Fished dry or wet it's a cracker!

It is very similar to the Griffith Gnat.



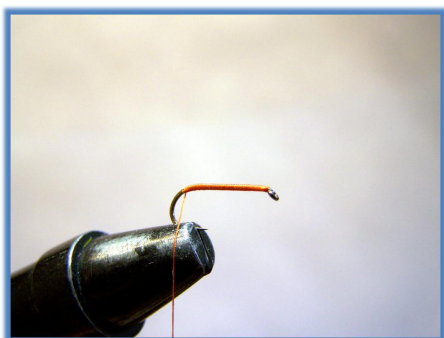
Dressing

Hook	Dry fly size 14 to 18	Rib	Fine gold wire
Thread	Orange	Hackle	Palmered bright-blue grizzle cock hackle
1 st Tag/Butt	Tiny tip of fine flat silver tinsel	Head	Tying thread
2 nd Tag/Butt	3 turns of tying thread		Whip finish
Body	1 or 2 (at most) strands of peacock herl (tied thin)		



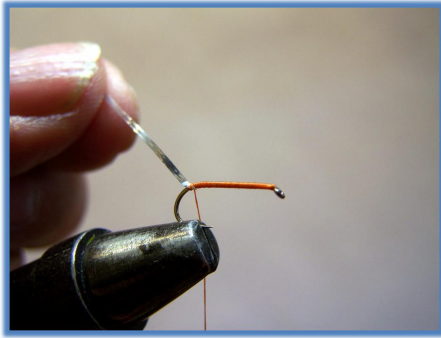
Step 1

Set a size 14 dry fly hook in the vice, "ping it" and catch on the orange tying thread.



Step 2

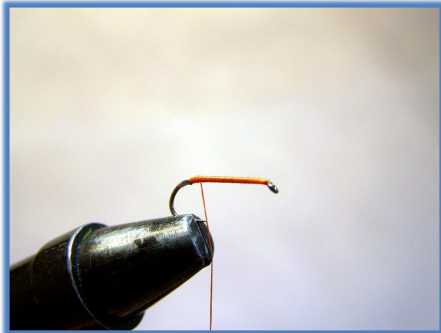
Run tying thread down hook shank, in touching turns, to slightly past the bend of the hook ...



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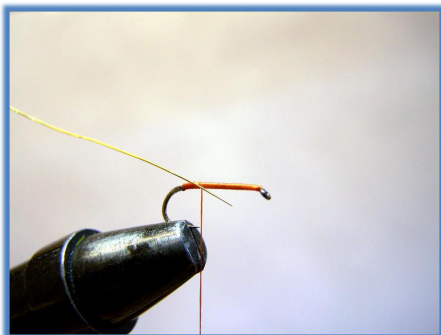
... and remove the waste tag of tying thread and catch in the flat silver tinsel.

Tip: Cut the end of the tinsel to a point.



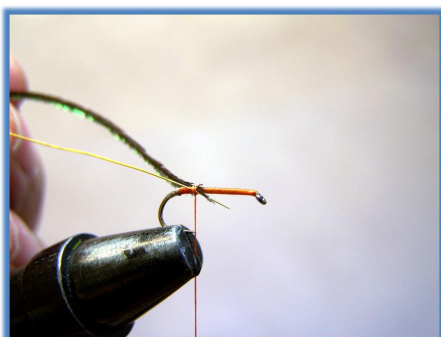
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Form a small tag (1st butt) of tinsel, secure and remove the excess tinsel.



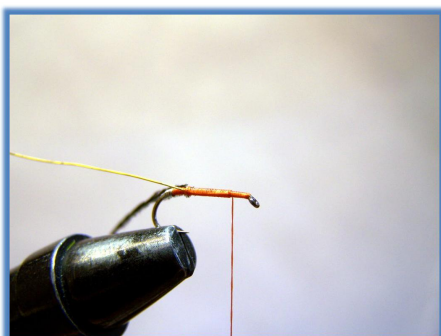
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Produce a 2nd butt/tag of tying thread (three turns) in front of the tinsel/silver tag and catch in the fine gold wire.



Step 6

Tie in one (or 2 at most) peacock herls ...



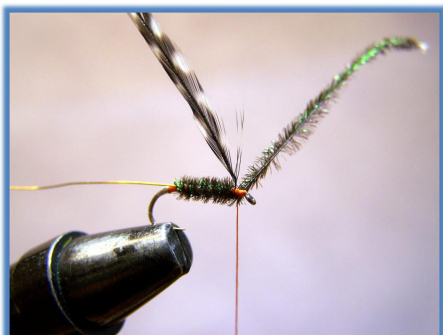
Step 7

... and advance the tying thread to slightly short of the hook eye.



Step 8

At the eye of the hook tie in the bright-blue grizzle cock hackle with it facing back towards the hook bend.



Step 9

Wind the peacock herl, using touching turns, up hook shank to just before the eye of the hook ...



Step 10

... secure and trim waste peacock herl.



Step 11

Wind the grizzle cock hackle down the hook shank, towards the bend ...



Step 12

... and holding hackle upright, wind the fine gold wire in the opposite direction, up the hook shank, to hold the palmered hackle in place.

Secure the fine gold wire at eye of hook.

Tip: To avoid trapping too many of the cock hackle fibres, wiggle, agitate or rock the wire as you wind it.



Step 13

Wiggle or agitate the fine gold wire till it snaps. (This avoids damaging your expensive scissors.)

Whip finish.



Step 14

Remove the tying thread and , finally, remove the waste cock hackle at the bend.



The Finished Fly