

The Green Peter

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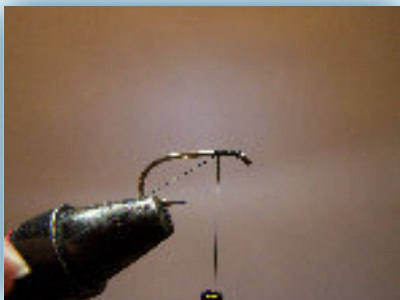
Traditionally a wet fly originating from Ireland but can also be tied to fish as a dry (by adding a natural Red game/ red cock palmered hackle down the body).

There is a multitude of dressings (all of which work on there day), but it is tied to represent a medium / large adult sedge that emerges at the water surface, late afternoon/evening in June through to August that scuttle's/scurries across the surface towards the shore.



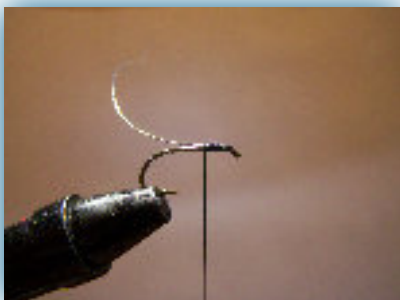
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| Dressing | | Rib: | 2 and half inches of Fine oval silver or gold tinsel.(Some use fine wire). |
| Hook: | Standard wet 8-12 (I use a Kamasan B175) | Body Hackle: | None. (But a palmered Natural Red game/Red cock hackle down the body on the dry version). |
| Tread: | Black 6ought/8ought Uni thread. Some use Brown or Olive) | Wing: | Hen pheasant tail / hen pheasant covert or light brown speckled hen wing slips / secondaries. Some use oak speckled turkey tail or bronze mallard). |
| Butt: | None (However tier's such as Davie McPhail and Jimmy Tyrrell have added a red butt which give trout an additional aiming point, this becomes the Red Arse Green Peter). | Hackle: | Red Game. Some tiers follow with a beard of pale mallard flank fibres |
| Body: | Pea or Apple Green seal's fur or substitute | | |

Note : The addition of a CDC plume under the wing on the dry version, helps to support the wing and aids floatation.



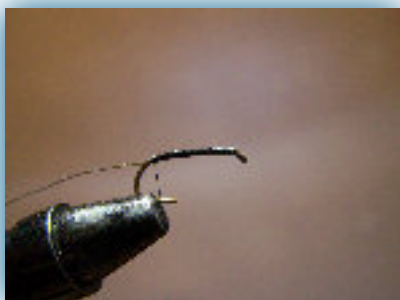
Step 1

Set hook in vice (Ping it) and catch on tying thread down to thorax



Step 2

Remove waste tag of tying thread and tie in 2 and half inches of the oval ribbing material



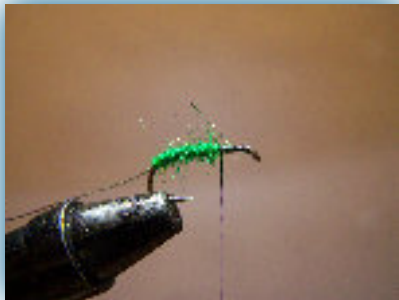
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Bind the oval tinsel down, on off side of hook shank, to slightly around bend of hook



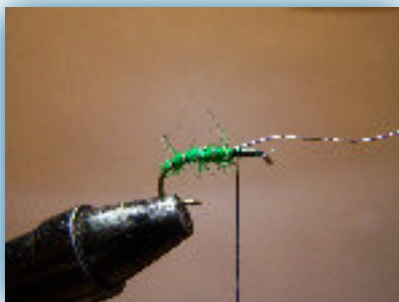
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Dub a thin nodule of "apple green" seals fur onto the Waxed tying thread...



Step 5

...and dub body up to thorax



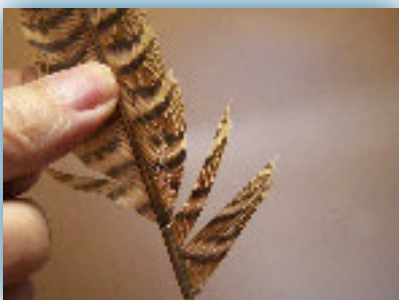
Step 6

Wind the rib in open turns up body and secure



Step 7

Remove excess tinsel and put a whip finish or a couple of half hitches here to ensure nothing comes loose. !! At this stage use a dubbing brush to "brush out" the body



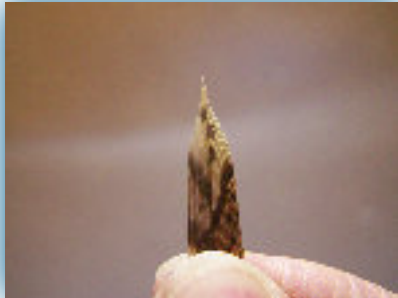
Step 8

Select hen pheasant tail feather...



Step 9

...and match up the two opposing sides...



Step 10

..."marry" them together...



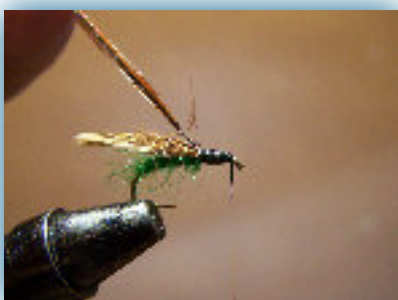
Step 11

...and use 2 loose wraps to hold in position, on top of body, before pulling down vertically with tying thread. Put in a whip finish to secure. Remove waste fibres and smooth out thorax area with tying thread



Step 12

Select red game hackle and trim to form a "comb".



Step 13

Tie in the red game hackle, shiny side facing you



Step 14

...and wind in touching turns to eye.



Step 15

Remove waste hackle and using a hackle guard (I use an old biro casing), put a couple of turns of thread to hold fibres away from the eye of hook.



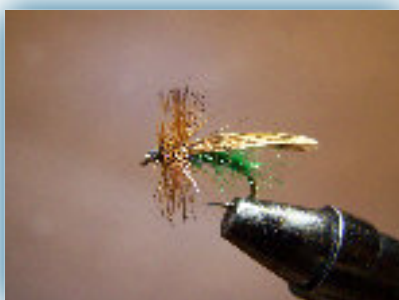
Step 16

Whip finish...



The Finished Fly

...and remove tying thread, adding a touch of varnish to thread wrappings. (The finished fly).



The other side.



Dry Version