

Bead Head Hare's Ear Soft Hackle

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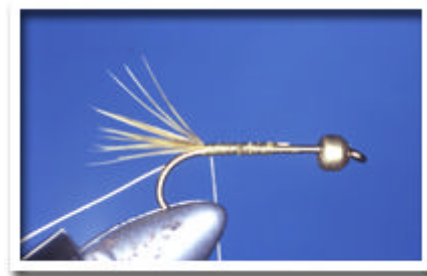
The simple Hare's Ear still accounts for just about as many trout as any of the contemporary patterns. The addition of a bead enhances its effectiveness remarkably. Here, the bead is positioned behind a soft hackle. This one has an olive tinge.

Here's the recipe:

Hook	Wet fly or nymph. Here, a Daiichi model 1560, 1XL, size 10.
Thread	Dark olive. Here, 8/0 Uni-Thread.
Bead Head	1/8 inch gold-colored tungsten.
Tail	Soft hackle fibers; here, olive-dyed Brahma hen from Whiting Farms.
Ribbing	Fine gold wire.
Body	Hare's ear dubbing with an olive tint.
Hackle	One or two turns of olive-dyed Brahma hen.



Step 1. An easy method for handling those elusive beads.



Step 2. Debarb the hook, then insert the point into the smaller of the two holes and position the bead up near the eye. Then attach the tying thread, tie on the tail, and tie in the ribbing tinsel.



Step 3. Dub the body, leaving plenty of room up front.



Step 4. Tie off, then tie back on in front of the bead.

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Step 5. Prepare a small feather as shown in the photo.



Step 6. Tie in the feather by the tip and trim off the excess.



Step 7. A couple of turns of hackle, and the fly is ready to go fishing.

Beads are a wonderful enhancement to our fly fishing arsenal. I hope they work wonders for you astream.

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