

LEISENRING SPIDER OR SOFTHACKLE

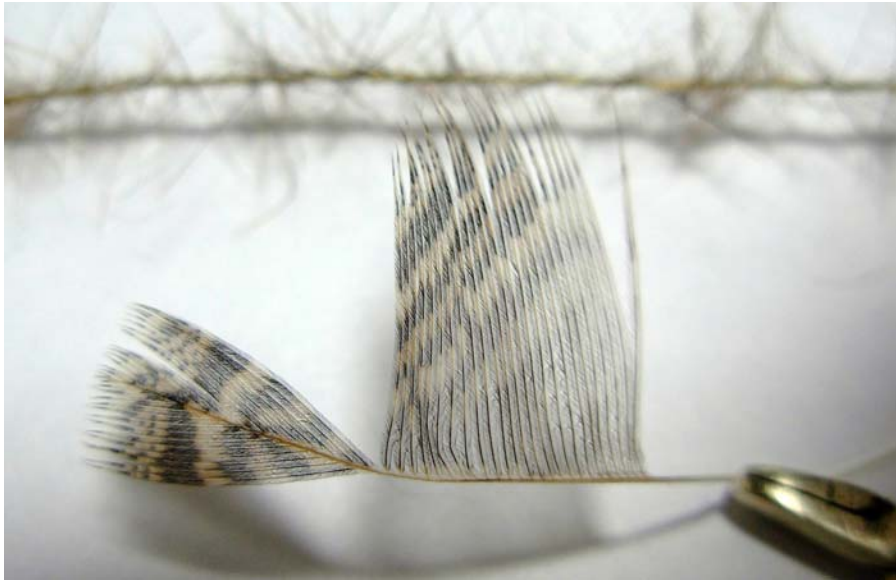


Hook: 3906B size 12 and 14
Thread: Claret or Maroon
Rib: Small Gold Wire
Body: Hare's Ear fur spun on Primrose Thread
Hackle: Brown Partridge

To tie this fly, you must first prepare the body material. Wax 10 inches of primrose tying silk and place it straight on a flat surface. Take Hare's ear fur and place it on the thread, on approximately 3 inches. Fold the remaining thread over the Hare's ear and grasping both ends, twist the looped thread. It is like making a brush. Store the prepared body materials so they remain twisted and straight.



Now we need to prepare the partridge feather. Some people tie in the stem of the feather, however I prefer to tie in the tip of the feather to control the bulk of the fly. You can just tie the tip in but I like to strip one side of the feather so the body will show through the feather fibers.



Attach the tying thread to the hook and tie in the hackle tip with the stem facing forward.



Next we will tie in the Gold wire rib. I always tie my ribbing on the bottom of the hook shank. Wrap the thread back to the rear of fly.



We need to attach the body material wrap the tying thread forward and trim the excess body material.



We will now wrap the body material forward, secure the material and remove the excess body material. Next counter wrap the Gold ribbing wire forward, secure the material and break the wire off. I dub a small amount of dubbing to the tying thread to build a small thorax area. When I wrap the hackle, I wrap front to back through the thorax. I then secure the hackle and wrap the tying thread through the hackle to the head of the fly. This strengthens the weak partridge hackle feather. I make a small neat head and secure with a whip finish. Use your favorite head cement.



Monte Trinkle is having fly tying classes if you need help thing this.

Good luck with this fly, it is a good one. Jerry Hopewell fluestang@comcast.net