

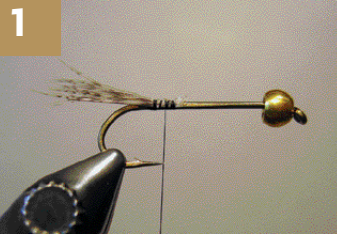


Seal Possie Bugger

Hook: Standard Nymph Hook #12- #6
Thread: 6/0 black
Bead: Brass Bead for fit hook
Tail: Squirrel fur(natural fox) or Partridge Fibers
Rib: Flashabou (pearl)
Body: Seal Fur Dubbing or substitute (ginger)
Hackle: Hungarian Partridge (natural)
Collar: Rabbit Dubbing (black)

Tying Instructions

1. Slide the bead on to the hook and then place the hook in the vice. Attach the thread and then tie in a tail of squirrel fur cut from the hide.
2. Tie in the flashabou rib material and then dub a body of seal fur. The body should be tapered from rear to front and end at a point just behind the bead.
3. Tie in two pieces of flashabou at the front of the fly so that they can be pulled down either side of the fly.
4. Pull the flashabou down each side of the fly and hold this in place with the rib material. Continue to wind the rib material forward and tie it off just behind the bead. Trim the flashabou even with the end of the flies tail.
5. Tie in a hungarian partridge feather by the tip and wind a full collar just behind the bead.
6. Tie off and trim the excess feather.
7. Use black dubbing to create a collar in front of the hackle and behind the bead. Tie off and trim thread.



Squirrel fur has a really nice banded effect when it is cut from the hide neatly. For more motion you can substitute rabbit fur with the guard hairs removed or Hungarian partridge hackle fibres

Flashabou used as both a rib and flash material makes this fly versatile and visible to the fish. It can imitate a smallminnow, aquatic insect or even acrayfish.

It is easier to tie in the laterla flash on the near side first and then fold it over to the far side of the hook. Use a few wraps of thread to hold it in place.

This unique method of adding flash to the fly can be done with a rib or a hackle. Woolly buggers with flash added this way look good and work wonders on picky fish.

There is something about a collared hackle of Hungarian partridge that just seems to call in fish. Its subtle movement and natual mottling add fish attracting appeal to this pattern.

The black collar helps seat the bead and hackle properly. It also provides a bit of contrast that seems to improves its fish fooling ability.

This fly can be tied in a variety of sizes and colors. Olive and tan Possie Buggers are a favorite and dark brown versions can be excellent for steelhead or to imitate stoneflies.



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