



Partridge and Green Soft Hackle HOOK: any standard hook. Here, MFC 7004 barbless, #10 THREAD: Chartreuse, here Danville 140d RIB: gold wire, small THORAX Ice Dub chartreuse HACKLE: partridge

Substitutions: Yellow or Orange are popular variations

Fishing Tips: In the larger sizes this pattern is mostly an attractor pattern featuring the magic of partridge, although the bright colors are found on caddis pupa. The fly is meant to swim, so cast across stream, stack a mend or two to allow it to sink, then just gently allow it to swing and lift at the end. Painfully slow retrieves at the end can be deadly.

Tying Tips

1. Start thread a couple of eye widths back, leaving room for the dubbing ball thorax and the head/hackle.
2. Install wire and tie it rearward with touching turns. (Stopping short of the bend makes for an attractive fly.) Flatten the thread and wrap forward to the start point.
3. Rib with wire.
4. Find the section of the partridge feather on which the average fiber length matches your hook shank. Preen fibers away from the stem so you can cut the tip out, leaving a little flap to enhance your tie-in
5. Tie the flap down, feather pointing forward, and natural curve of the fibers going up.
6. Maintain thread tension as you get some dubbing on the thread and create a dubbing ball between the thread body and the start of the partridge fibers.
7. Move thread to front, and then make 2 or less wraps of partridge. Try folding the partridge fibers rearward as you wrap the feather.
8. Tie off the partridge feather, sweep everything rearward, and shape a tight head. The thread is heavy, so only make a few turns to leave room for the bulk your whip finish will add.
9. Whip finish.