

Hares Ear

HOOK: 5262 or 3761,
sizes 8-18

THREAD: Brown or black

TAIL: Hares mask guard
hairs

RIB: Gold mylar tinsel or
copper wire

ABDOMEN: Blended
hares ear; keep it thin

WINGCASE: Turkey tail
coated with Flexament

THORAX: Same as
abdomen. After tying, pick
out a few hairs so they
look like legs



Uses

A traditional and very useful pattern, the Hares Ear can be tied to suggest many different species of nymphs.

Variations

The Hares Ear can be tied weighted or unweighted. A beadhead works well, too. Dark brown is the most productive body color; dark olive and tan can also work well. Feel free to vary the body color to match different species, but be sure to compare the color of *wet* dubbing to the natural (and wet) insect.

Some anglers use peacock herl for the thorax.

For a Poxystack Hares Ear, coat the wingcase with epoxy. For an explanation of this style (and the reasons for it) see the [Poxystack Green Drake](#).

Winter anglers take note: when tied on a size 18 hook, a Hares Ear with dark brown dubbing and a gold mylar rib is an excellent imitation of some [blue-winged olive](#) nymphs. The gold ribbing mimics some abdominal segments which are light colored. Keep the fly sparse.