

## Picket Pin Recipe

In January, Adam talked about a couple of fly patterns that he has found effective in Pennsylvania waters, one of which was the Picket Pin. Here is a recipe for one version.



**Hook:** Daiichi 1720, 3X-Long Nymph, size 8-14

**Thread:** 6-0 black

**Tail:** Brown hackle barbs

**Rib:** Fine gold wire

**Body:** Peacock herl

**Hackle:** Brown hackle palmered over body

**Wing:** Grey squirrel tail

**Head:** Peacock herl

## Tying Instructions

Step 1: Mash the barb and mount the hook in the vise.

Step 2: Start the thread one eye width behind the eye and lay down an even thread base to a position just above the hook barb.

Step 3: Select a small bunch of brown hackle barbs, measure them one body length, and tie them on top of the shank above the barb. Tie down the tail butts on top of the shank with spiral thread turns forward towards the eye.

Step 4: Tie on a section of gold wire on top of the shank just behind the eye.

Step 5: Select 6-7 peacock herls and tie them in on top behind the eye. Secure them, along with the rib to the top of the shank with spiral thread wraps to the base of the tail. Leave the wire rib hang to the rear for use later.

Step 6: Grab the herl strands and make one wrap over the shank and then counter-clockwise around the tying thread. Grasp the herl and thread together and wind the herl rope forward in touching turns covering the body. Leave a little over 1/8 inch between the front of the body and the eye of the hook. Tie off the herl and trim the excess.

Step 7: Select a soft brown hackle feather with barbs just longer than the gape of the hook, tie it in by the butt at the front of the body, and palmer it rearward (counter wrapping the herl) 5 turns to the base of the tail. Tie off with the rib wire and trim.

Step 8: Now take the ribbing wire and wrap it forward (counter-wrapping the hackle) over the herl body and through the hackle in 5 evenly spaced turns. Tie off and trim.

Step 9: Select a small bunch of squirrel tail. Measure it 1 1/3 the body length, and tie it on top of the front of the body. Tie off with several tight wraps and trim excess.

Step 10: Select two peacock herls, tie them on at the base of the wing, take one turn over the shank, wrap them around the hanging thread, and wrap forward 3 to 4 turns covering the thread wraps and forming a head. Tie off and trim excess. Leave a small amount of room before the eye for a whip finish and cement.