

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## STILLWATER MAYFLY/CADDIS NYMPH

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The pattern described below is a slight variation of the Chan/Rowley Clearwater Callibaetis Mayfly Nymph pattern.

As most of you know, I like to tie simple patterns that will look like as many food sources as possible, thus the "Stillwater Mayfly/Caddis Nymph".

Unlike the traditional callibaetis pattern, I make the body slightly "pudgy" and darker body; and occasionally with a slightly darker thorax to give the pattern a "caddis hybrid" look.

Whatever you think of this pattern, it has worked well during both mayfly and caddis hatches. At last year's Roche Lake outing, I had one evening where I could not fish two rods as the action was so hot while the caddis came off.

Other variations to this pattern include using fine gold wire, olive green pheasant tail, natural pheasant tail, brown or tan dubbing with corresponding thread.

However, the colours described in this recipe represent my most successful variation of the pattern.

### TYING INSTRUCTIONS

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- Debarb hook and form a thread base.
- Tie in a sparse clump of pheasant tail fibres. Do not trim the excess.
- Tie in the fine copper wire rib.
- Twist a sparse amount of dubbing material on the thread forming a slender dubbing noodle.
- Wind forward to the 3/4 mark, creating a neat tapered body, but somewhat "fatter" than a mayfly nymph body.
- Pull the pheasant tail fibres forward over the top of the body. Tie off but do not trim the excess.
- Wind the wire forward over the body and shellback four times to form the segmentation. Tie off the fine wire and break away the excess.
- Form a second dubbing noodle for the thorax and wind forward to the hook eye. The finished thorax should be slightly larger than the body.
- Pull the pheasant tail forward over the the thorax to form the wingcase. Tie off and trim the excess.
- Tie in a clump of partridge as a beard under the thorax to form the legs. The finished legs should extend no further than the rear of the thorax.
- Build a neat tapered head, whipfinish and apply head cement.



*The Finished Fly*

*Stillwater Mayfly / Caddis Nymph*

### MATERIALS



- Hook:** 2 XL Nymph, Size #14
- Thread:** 8/0 Dark Olive
- Tail:** Red/Brown Pheasant Tail
- Rib:** Copper Wire, Fine
- Body & Thorax:** Natural fur/Hareline Dark Olive Dubbing
- Back & Wingcase:** Red Brown Pheasant Tail
- Legs:** Natural Partridge

