



PHEASANT TAIL FLASHBACK NYMPH

The next fly tying session will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30. Paul Crafts will demonstrate how to tie the Pheasant Tail Flashback Nymph. Paul states that this is a fly you will always want to have in your fly boxes. It generally can be fished dead drift, on a long, light tippet with a small indicator. Paul has fished it in size 16-18 "blind" in clear Sierra streams, with rocky bottoms and lots of ripples, such as the San Joaquin in Devil's Postpile.

The original PT was created by river keeper Frank Sawyer, who designed it to imitate the *Baetis* nymphs on the famed chalk streams of southern England. Upon publication of Sawyer's book *Nymphs and the Trout* in 1958, the nymph became a worldwide favorite. One thing about *Baetis*, though, is that they are often quite tiny. The Pheasant Tail Nymph works great throughout the winter, on tail waters year-round, and again in the fall, when the little blue-winged olives are hatching. We're tying a bit larger size.

Sawyer's original pattern was tied by lashing the pheasant tail fibers to the hook with fine copper wire. The wire acted as thread, rib, and weight, giving the fly glitter and the right heft to sink below the surface. American's have adapted the pattern in a number of ways, including bead heads and flash.

All materials will be supplied, but be sure and bring your own thread...brown 6/0 or 70 denier. The following are the material that will be used for the Pheasant Tail Flashback Nymph:

MATERIALS:

Thread	-	Brown 6/0 or 70 denier
Hook	-	2X-Long nymph hook, Size 14
Rib	-	Copper ultra-wire, small
Tail & Abdomen	-	Dark brown pheasant tail fibers
Thorax	-	Peacock herl
Head	-	Brown thread
Legs & Wing Case	-	Dark brown pheasant tail fibers & pearlescent tinsel

WEB SITES ON THE PHEASANT TAIL FLASHBACK NYMPH:

<http://www.orvis.com/news/fly-fishing/video-how-to-tie-the-pheasant-tail-nymph/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RCoemoS8HY>