
FLY OF THE MONTH

THE GOLD NUGGET



- Hook:** TMC 200R or similar 2X long nymph hook size 12 to 16
Thread: Brown or Tan 6/0 or 8/0
Body: Four glass beads - Umpqua's Crystal Beads, small, gold with silver lining or any 2mm small transparent yellow or amber glass bead.
Tail: 8 to 10 grouse breast fibers, or two yellow goose biots
Wing Case: 1/8 to 1/4 inch wide turkey wing slip or duck wing slip
Legs: Grouse breast feather tip or well marked partridge. (Tied Oliver Edwards' style)
Thorax: Tan or light brown rabbit dubbing with guard hairs or Hareline dubbing
Head: Thread or green glass bead on larger size 12 hooks.

1. Crimp the barb on a curved long shank nymph hook and slide four transparent gold or yellow beads on to the hook. (Green glass bead head is optional)
2. Mount the hook in the vise, push the beads forward to the eye, and attach the thread at the bend of the hook with a jam knot.
3. Create a tail by attaching 8 to 10 grouse fibers at the bend, about 1 hook gap long. (Nymphs should have short tails). On size 12 hooks two goose biots can be used to represent a golden stone fly. Cut tail stubs, make a thin thread base to hold the beads and whip finish at the tail. Cut off tying thread.
4. Add a drop of head cement to the thread base and slide the four beads back to the tail. Reattach the tying thread at the front of the beads and tie in a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide turkey wing slip for the wing case. The slip is dull side up and pointed to the rear.
5. Select a well marked small grouse breast feather tip, to create legs about $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. Attach the grouse feather by the butt end, dull side up in front of the wing case.
6. Create a fat thorax of tan rabbit or Hareline dubbing. Finish the dubbing wraps with the thread at the rear of the thorax. A technique to flatten the top of the thorax is to pull the thread diagonally over the top of the dubbing ball to the far side of the hook shank behind the eye. Make several wraps of thread behind the eye.
7. Create the legs using master tier, Oliver Edwards' method. Place a small drop of head cement on top of the dubbing. Attach small hackle pliers to the very tip of the grouse feather. Wet your fingers and stroke the speckled fibers to the rear and down. Pull the feather tip forward to the tier's side of the hook behind the eye, make several wraps of thread. The thread torque should place the feather top center on the thorax.
8. Add a small drop of head cement on top of thorax and create the wing case by pulling the turkey or duck slip forward to the eye. Attach and trim excess. Whip finish. Tease out some guard hairs and arrange the legs with a bodkin or needle.
9. Create a two tone abdomen by coloring the top or dorsal part of the beads with a brown permanent marker. You'll like the looks of this one. *Lucky Ketcham.*

