

Fly of the Month:

Feb '10

Lighting Bug

Hook: Tiemco 2487 size 12-18

(or similar)

Tail 6 pheasant tail fibers

Body: Iridescent Pearl Mylar

Rib: Fine Gold Wire

Wing Case: Iridescent Pearl Mylar

Thorax: Peacock Herl

Legs: Partridge (tied flat wing style)

Head: Copper or Gold Bead Head

Thread: white

~ The lighting bug was developed on our very own Yakima River in order to entice wary trout, keen on the many imitations they see from day to day. As a personal “go to” fly, the lightning bug is effective year-round for trout. Consider using as a dropper under a streamer or dry fly, this combination is hard for any sensible fish to refuse!

Flat wing style legs are a little tricky to tie if you have never done it before. The trick is to leave an eye's length (approx) of bare stem before the barbules start on your partridge feather. When you fold the feather forward, place your finger directly on top of the fly to hold it in place while you secure it with the thread. Have fun!



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