

Forest Pest Fly Tying Instructions

NUN MOTH



Consider using hen capes or Whiting's 4B Hen Capes as your source of wing material. The feathers need to be selected for their length and shape. Refer to online sources for actual insect pictures. These provide color, size, spotting detail, and shape. Two identical feathers were "shaped" for each fly. The shaping consists of using head cement (Hard As Nails) to coat feather and then stroke feather to form desired shape. The feather can be trimmed at the tip to achieve rounded shape. Knowing the length of the fly wing makes shaping easy. Wings can be colored with markers to achieve desired spotting.

Hook: 2XL dry fly hook, #10.

Thread: 8/0 white.

Body: Light gray chenille, medium.

Antennae: Feathery tips of white ostrich plume.

Wings: White hen, shaped and marked with black marker.

Prep wings. Length of moth is 20mm, so shape wings accordingly. Wrap thread to the rear of hook. Attach chenille and advance to front, leaving enough space for head. Attach wings, one overlapping the other. Attach chenille and form head. Attach antennae and whip finish.

Fly designed by Sam Pleshar of Montana.