

The Golden Retriever

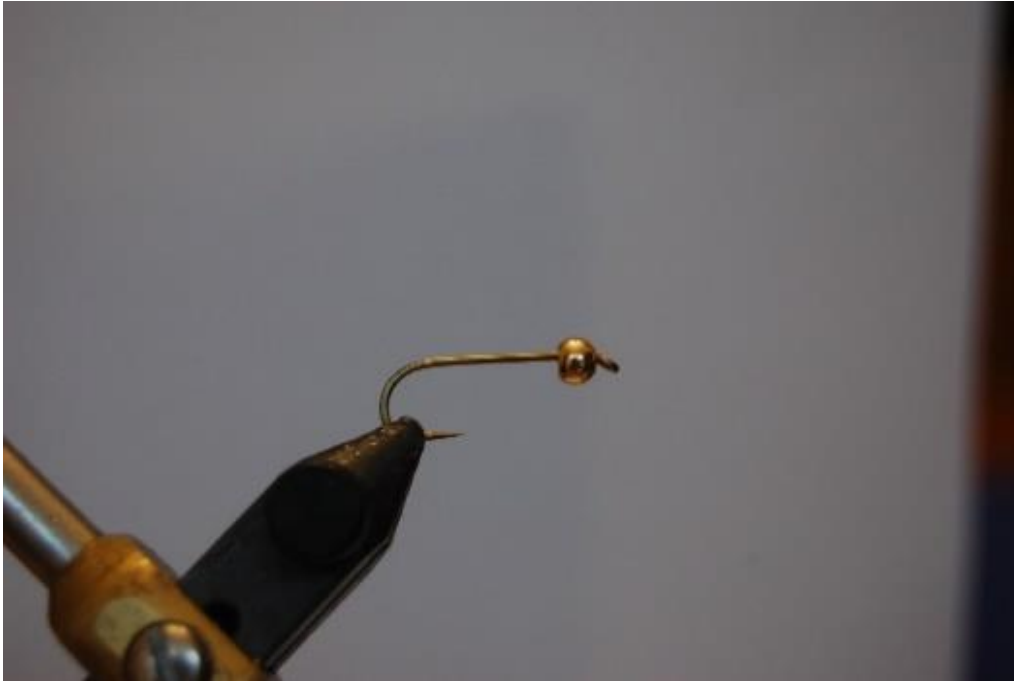


Material List

- Mustad R73 Streamer hook, size 10, 3XL, or equivalent
- Gold brass or tungsten bead, 5/32"
- .020 lead or non-lead wire
- Estaz, petite, peach or gold
- Blood quill marabou, tan
- Danville flat waxed thread, 210 denier, red, or equivalent

Tying Procedure

1. Put the bead on the hook through small hole first and place the hook in the tying vise.



2. Make 12 wire wraps and push wraps tightly against bead.



3. Make a small thread dam behind the wire wraps and wind thread to the bend of the hook.



4. Tie in tan marabou that is the length of the hook shank.



5. Tie in the Estaz with the fibers pointing down. Estaz is directional and we want the fibers to lean toward the back of the fly.



6. Make an even thread body and leave the thread at the bead.



7. Palmer the Estaz to the bead and tie off. Spacing of the Estaz wraps is slightly larger than $\frac{1}{32}$ ". Make a small thread collar to secure the Estaz, whip finish, and apply head cement or Hansen hard as nails polish.



The Golden Retriever can also be tied on a jig hook so the point rides up in the water column. Firehole #539, size 10 works well for this application.

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