

Black General Practitioner



Hook – Alec Jackson Spey, Black

Thread – Pearsall's Gossamer #9, Black

Tail – Black Yak Hair or Siberian Squirrel Tail

Hackle – Steelhead Anglers Spey Hackle, Black

Rib – Oval Gold Tinsel

Rear Body – Ronn Lucas Iridescent Dubbing, Black covered with Ringneck Pheasant Wing Feather, Copper

Front Body - Ronn Lucas Iridescent Dubbing, Black covered with Ringneck Pheasant Wing Feather, Copper

General Practitioner



Hook – Alec Jackson Spey, Gold

Thread – Pearsall's Gossamer #11a, Scarlet

Tail – Orange Yak Hair

Hackle – Steelhead Anglers Spey Hackle, Orange

Rib – Oval Gold Tinsel

Rear Body – Ronn Lucas Iridescent Dubbing, Orange covered with Golden Pheasant Tippet with center removed

Front Body - Ronn Lucas Iridescent Dubbing, Orange covered with Golden Pheasant Breast

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Tying the General Practitioner



Begin by looking carefully at the example fly I have given you. Remember the details of it as we tie the fly step by step. Keep it nearby where you can refer to it. If after any step the new fly does not look like the sample fly, back up and repeat the step carefully until it does. A fly will never get better looking by building on over a mistake.



Start by securing the silk tying thread to the front an Alec Jackson Spey, Standard Wire, Gold finish hook. Yes the original was not on a gold hook but by using a gold hook we can skip the step of wrapping a black hook with gold tinsel. Secure the return eye and wrap to the rear. Leave the thread hanging just behind the hook point.

Take the kip tail and remove a small piece of long hair. On really big GP's you may have to use bucktail to get enough length. A good Kip will work for up to 1.5. As you can see in the picture we want a piece long enough to leave about 2/3 the length of the hook behind the tie in point. Grab the hair by the tips and comb it with your fingers to remove short stuff. Secure to the top of the hook using 2-3 tight turns. Pull the hair up at a 45 degree angle to make sure it is on top of the hook and wrap again. Wrap back until the hair is pulled just below horizontal as in the picture.





Prepare a Spey hackle by stripping the fiber from one side. Keep the best side, it does not matter which. The side remaining dictates the direction we will wrap. The stripped stem goes against the hook and the feathers natural curve must go over and back. Secure the hackle to the hook with 2-3 tight turns.

Attach the ribbing at the same place. Secure with 2-3 tight turns and do not build up a big bump here. Trim the excess.



Create a dubbing loop, use about 2/3 the normal size as we only have to do half the body in the first loop. Advance the thread to the midpoint of the hook, load the dubbing loop with dubbing, and wrap the body. Remember a little goes a long way. Make sure the first wrap of dubbing covers all the tie in stuff so far. Wrap the dubbing in the opposite rotation that the ribbing and Spey hackle will go.

Wrap the ribbing in the opposite direction of the dubbing and advance to the front of the body segment in three turns. Wrap the Spey Hackle forward tight against the back of the ribbing.



Trim the center from the Golden Pheasant Tippet as shown. Strip away the base fibers until the length of the remaining feather extends from the tie in point to the back of the hook

Tie in the tippet as shown. Pull up on the thread to bind it down so it does not roll on the hook shank . It does not need to be flat against the hair, let it stand a bit proud.



Pull the Spey hackle and ribbing to the rear and bind down with 2-3 turns.

Prepare another short dubbing loop as before and as before cover the tie off point with the first turn, counter wrap as before.



Wrap the ribbing forward in three turns, do not crowd the eye of the hook.

Wrap the Spey hackle forward tight against the back of the ribbing.





Here is what thing should look like at this point. For the traditional dressing you are supposed to pull down all the hackle above the hook or trim it off. This looks nice but makes the fly swim sideways so I like to leave it in the round.

As before measure the wing. Here a bit of debate can ensue. Appropriate front wings can be, tippet or Golden Pheasant Breast. (It also looks really cool to do a tippet covered with a GP breast a little shorter.) I like the pheasant so here goes. Strip the stem so the feather extends to about the midpoint of the first body segment. It can even be as short as the tie in point if you wish.



Once you get the length right tie it in as before, do not let it roll. Once tied in use the thread to build a small head, trim and cement.



Here it is from the front and the top. This is a cool pattern to tie and Steelhead just love it. It can also be tied in Black, Purple, or whatever you can imagine.