



## “SIERRA BRIGHT DOT”

December 2008 Fly of the Month

Tied and photographed  
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### MATERIALS

**HOOK:** Dry Fly, 20-16

**THREAD:** Black

**TAIL:** Golden Pheasant Tippet

**REAR HACKLE:** Grizzly.

**BODY:** Bright red, floss or thread.

**FRONT HACKLE:** Grizzly.

A recent article in the *California Fly Fisher* (July/August) mentioned the **Sierra Bright Dot** and it brought back memories of using this fly and the very similar fly, the **Sierra Gnat** to catch **Golden Trout** in small streams in the southern Sierras a few years ago. The flies differ only in the material used for the tail. The Sierra Gnat uses something red for the tail (I used three or four short pieces of red flashabou), and the Sierra Bright Dot uses golden pheasant tippet. Both flies are tied on small hooks, 20-16. The fly pictured is tied on a larger hook (16) for photographic purposes, plus, I have a hard time tying rally small flies.

### Tying Instructions

1. **(Photo 1)** Cover hook shank with thread and attach a small clump of Golden Pheasant tippet so they extend about one-half the body length.



2. **(Photo 2)** Attach Grizzly hackle at the bend of the hook and wind 4—5 wraps. The hackle should extend a bit longer than the gap of the hook.



3. **(Photo 3)** Wrap bright red body using floss or thread. Leave enough room near the front for the forward hackle.



4. **(Photo 4)** Attach Grizzly hackle at the front of the hook shank and wind 4—5 wraps.



**You're done!**

*NOTE: The Sierra Gnat is tied the same way with the exception of using a red material for the tail and extending the tail no more than an eighth or quarter of an inch.*

*“Sierra Bright Dot”*