

# SHEEP CREEK SPECIAL

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*This is a very old pattern that has proven itself over the years to be one of the best "bread & butter" Sierra flies to keep in your arsenal.*

Hook: TMC 5262, sizes 10–16

Head: Black thread

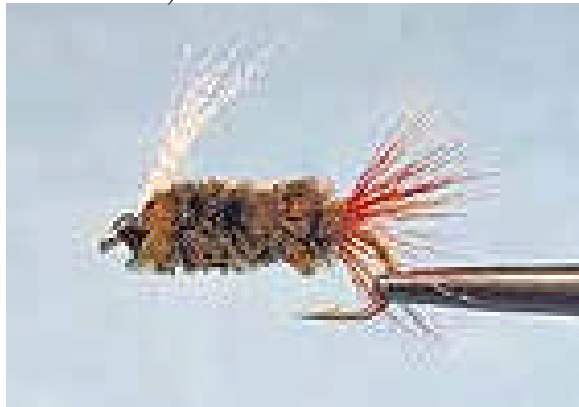
Thread: Black 6/0–8/0

Lead: .020 5 turns

Skirt: Brown hackle at rear of hook, 2 turns

Body: Dark olive chenille, medium

Wing: Natural Mallard flank (6-8 fibers) curved over back



1. Jam start thread behind the eye, wrap back to 1/2 of the shank.
2. Wrap 5 turns of lead, wrap it down with thread, move thread to bend of the hook (thread should hang just even with the barb).
3. Select a hackle that (when flared) will produce fibers that will extend just beyond the tip of the hook point.
4. By the tip of the hackle, tie it in and take 2 turns of hackle with curved side towards the back, tie off. Should end up with a sparse "skirt" that slants slightly back.
5. Strip off 1/4" of the end of the chenille exposing the center thread core, tie the exposed core just in front of the hackle, move the thread forward to 1X's the eye space, half hitch the thread, let thread hang.
6. Closely wrap the chenille forward up to the thread point, tie off the chenille, cut off chenille butts. *Note: Peacock herl makes a great body.*
7. Select 6–8 fibers of Mallard feather, match them with curved side down, covering the back of the body with the tips just even with the skirt, tie in the butts of the wing just in front of the body, cut off the butt fibers. (Keep the fibers on top).
8. Form a tapered head with thread, head cement.

*Best fished with an intermediate sinking line. Vary the speed for effect. Can be fished all year in still waters.*