



Many of you have tied and fished Egan's Rainbow Warrior but have you tried Egan's other two nymphs -- the Frenchie and the Surveyor? Lance Egan is one of the most successful competitive fly fishers in the US. All of his patterns are very effective nymphs and this month we will discuss Egan's Frenchie. The Frenchie is an easy fly to tie nymph. The only expensive material is the COQ de Leon tailing. Here a dark dun, dark variant or dyed dark grizzly can be substituted.

Recipe:

Hook: TMC 3769, Dai Riki 060, or Mustad 3906B

Bead: Tungsten 7/64 gold

Weight: Extra weight .015 wrap behind the bead

Thread: 8/0 red or pink fluorescent

Tail: COQ de Leon 4-5 fibers a hook shank in length

Body: Pheasant tail fibers tied in by tips forming a tapered body

Rib: Small copper or brassie gold counter wrapped

Collar: Shell Pink Ice dubbing

Hot Spot: 8/0 Red or pink fluorescent wraps of thread

Tying Instructions:

Step 1: Crush down hook barb, apply bead and add a few wraps of lead weight behind the bead.

Step 2: Add tying thread wrapping over the lead wraps wrapping rearward to the hook bend securing the rib on the nearside of the hook shank.

Step 3: Tie in the tail on top of the hook shank a hook shank in length.

Step 4: Trim the tips of the pheasant tail fibers and tie in at the bend by the tips.

Step 5: Wrap the fibers forward with touching wraps forming a neatly tapered body. Counter wrap the rib in an open spiral. Tie off rib and trim.

Step 6. Dub a collar and wrap behind the bead in front of the body.

Step 7. Create a hot spot behind the bead and in front of the collar with a build up several wraps of thread.

Step 8. Whip finish and trim.