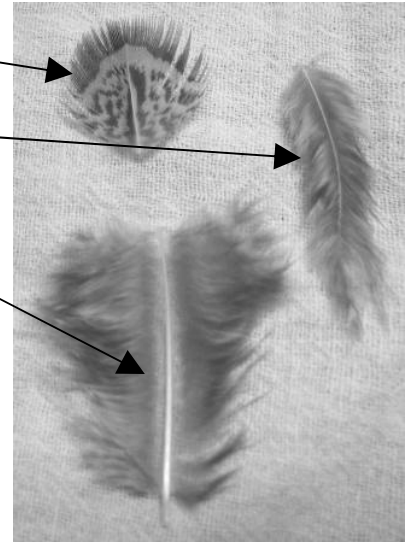


Sparrow Nymph

Hook: Mustad 3906B
Thread: 6/0 Tan
Collar: 2 to 3 turns of the tip of a ring neck pheasant feather
Head: Small feather directly behind the main feather on a ring neck pheasant patch.
Tail: Base end of a ring neck pheasant feather
Weight: Lead .015 (15-18 wraps)



Step 1: Apply a base layer of thread starting at the hook bend and working forward 2/3 of the hook shank (1/3 from the eye). Wrap 18 turns of lead from the hook bend (tie in point) to the thread point. Wrap the thread back over the lead to the tie-in point to secure the lead. Tie in the tail material.



Step 2: Dub the body from the base of the tail to 1/3 from the eye of the hook.



Step 3: Bind the collar to the hook shank by the feather tip. Wrap 2 to 3 times and tie off. Bind the head feather to the hook shank by the tip as well. Twist the feather and the thread together to prevent the feather from breaking while wrapping. Wrap all the material around the hook and tie off. Finish with head cement.



This is a very versatile fly pattern. The pattern should be modified depending on the what you are fishing for. Vary the body color in chartreuse, yellow and white for bluegill, and natural colors for steelhead trout and smallmouth bass. Experiment with the size of the head to match the presentation the fish are looking for on a particular day. Gary Sanders landed several trout on this pattern at our summer outing on the Muskegon River.