



# FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

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## Fly Tying Group

### FLY OF THE MONTH

### "SplitTail Flymph"



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Jeff Neamand the Banquet Chairman of BCTU and owner of Aquasun Outdoors showed me these flies he picked up from a man living in New Hampshire. But the man was found streamside where he passed away, we all hope he was coming back from the stream and had a great day fishing.

So Jeff was down to his final fly and asked me if I could create this pattern. I saw the photos and saw it was a simple pattern.

The fly tyer that developed the fly was Dave Baker a long time fly tyer and fly fisher from the Philadelphia area.

## Materials

**Hook:** Size 12 Sproat bend, down-eye, 1X-heavy wire, and 1 X-long shank.(Daiichi 1560)

**Thread:** Orange 6/0 - 70 Denier

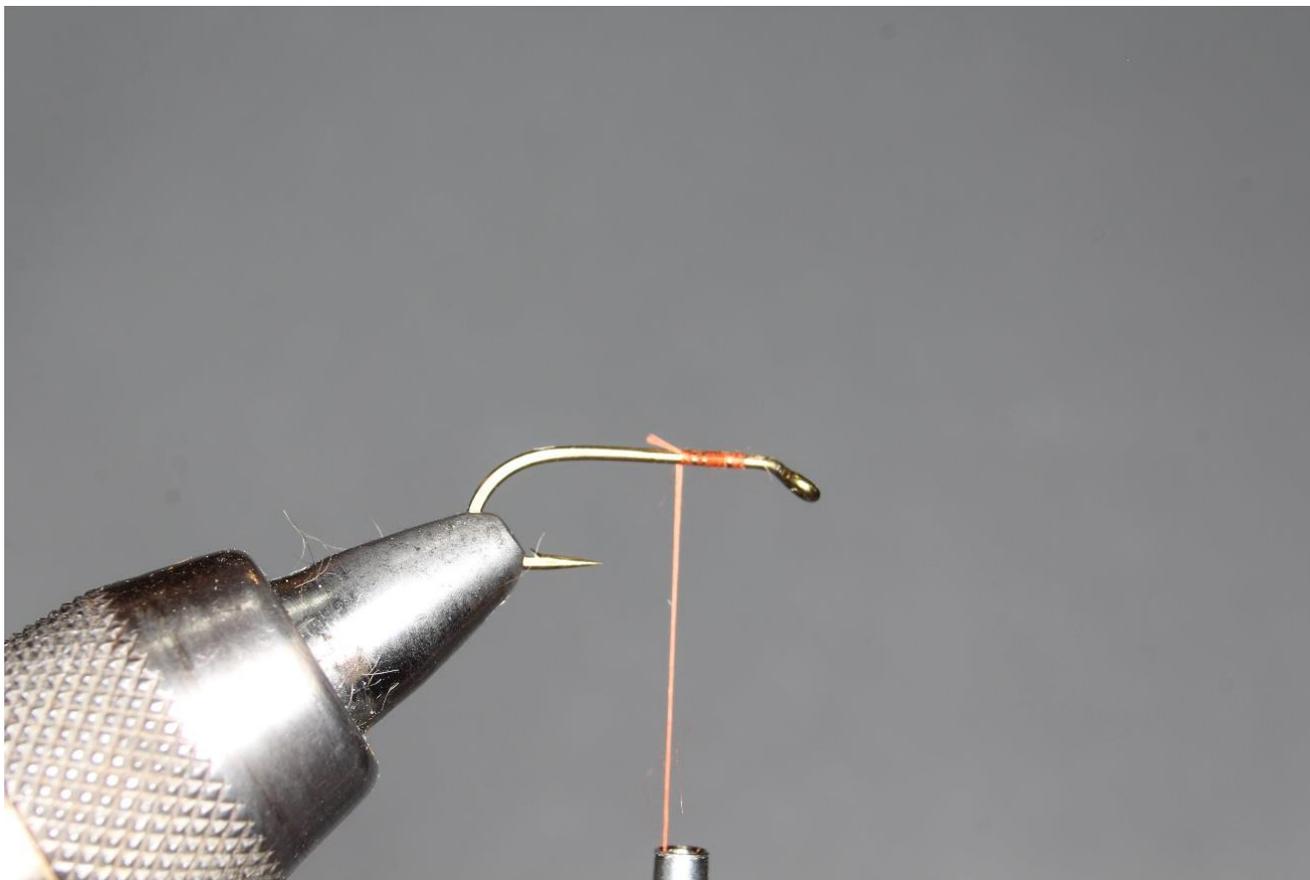
**Tail:** Wood Duck Flank Fibers tied split; 1 and ¼ length of the shank of the hook

**Rib:** Fine Silver Wire

**Body:** Hare's Ear Mask and Red Fox Squirrel mixed with a little clear antron

**Hackle:** Brown Partridge

## Tying Steps



### **Step 1**

Please hook in the vise and attach the tying thread.



## Step 2

Tie in wood duck fibers at the bend of the hook. These are not the standard proportion for tying in a tail. Dave tied his tail 1 and 1/4 the length of the shank of the hook.



### Step 3

Split the tail into two even sections. I ran the thread through the middle of the sections to keep them separated.



#### **Step 4**

Tie in the fine silver wire under the shank of the hook to the bend of the hook.



### Step 5

Dub a tapered body with the mixture of red squirrel body, dark hare's ear mask and small amount of clear antron. I dubbed the body 3/4 of the shank of the hook or at least 3 eye lengths behind the eye.



### Step 6

Rib the body with the silver wire in open turns. Going in counter wraps. Wrapping the body in the opposite direction of the dubbing body direction. Usually 5 or 6 turns.



### Step 7

Take a brown Partridge feather. Fold it and tie it in by the tip. Once secured to the shank of the hook cut the tip.



### Step 8

Wrap the Partridge feather 2 1/2 to 3 wraps, stroke each wrap reward towards the bend of the hook. Then secure the feather in place and trim the excess. Whip finish and add head cement.



**Step 9:**

Top view of the finished SplitTail Flymph.

Editors Notes: Comments from the editor.

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