

Tying the Silver Spider



Always begin by looking carefully at the example fly. This will help you understand what each step is trying to accomplish. Each piece of material is being placed on the fly for a reason. The other thing is that once a mistake is made it is very hard to make it go away. It is far better to recognize a mistake as it is being made and back up a step and do it over correctly. An excellent fly is never made by building over a mistake.



Start by attaching the tying thread to the rear end of the hook and leave it hanging at the point.

Tie in a piece of Glimmer Body at this point. Be careful not to create a bump as you tie it in. Just pull it straight and attach it nice and neatly..

Advance the tying thread to about 3/16" short of the eye and wrap the

glimmer body to that point. As you wrap the body pull the fibers to the rear just like you are working a hackle. This will create a lovely body profile with no bulk at all.



Cut the tip from a Silver Pheasant feather and tie it in. Be sure to tie it so the natural curve of the feather flows around the hook. Take a scissor blade and run it down the top side of the stem to help fold it. Wrap one of two wraps only. Keep stroking the fiber to the rear of the fly as you wrap to keep the natural curve of the feather

complementing the body shape.

Whip finish and cement and you are ready to go fishing.

