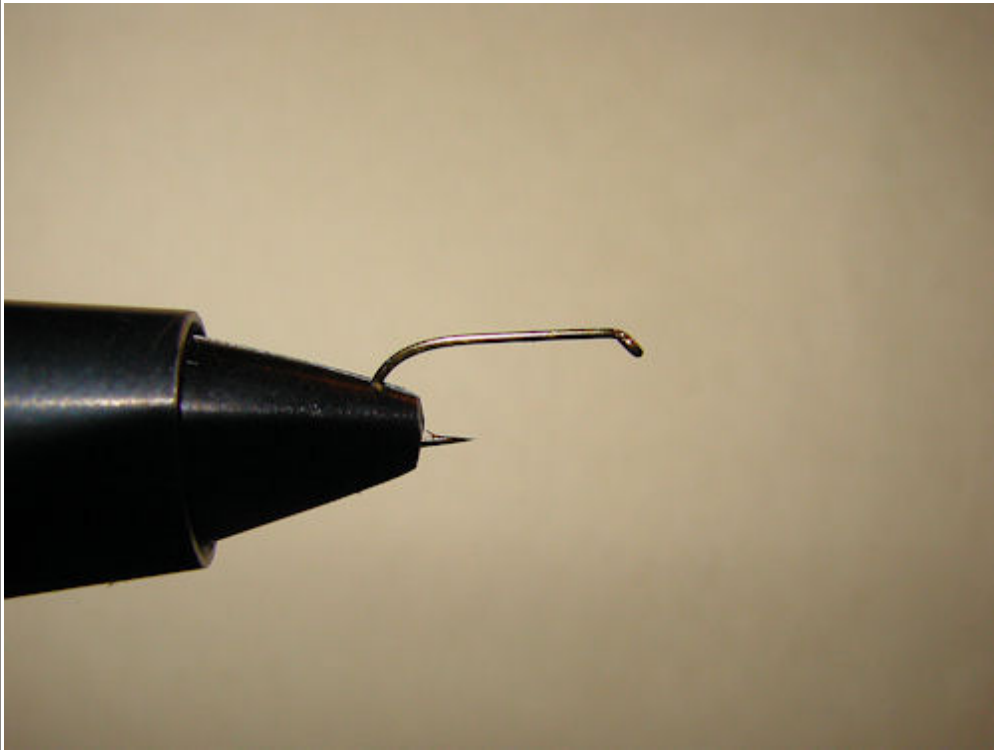


## Copper John Nymph

The following is a step-by-step photographic sequence of the tying of the Copper John Nymph

### Materials for Original Pattern

- Hook: Standard Nymph Hook 12-20
- Thread: Brown
- Tail: Pheasant Tail Tips or Goose Biots
- Body: Copper Wire (or colored wire)
- Thorax: Peacock Herl
- Legs: Pheasant Tail Tips
- Head: Copper Bead



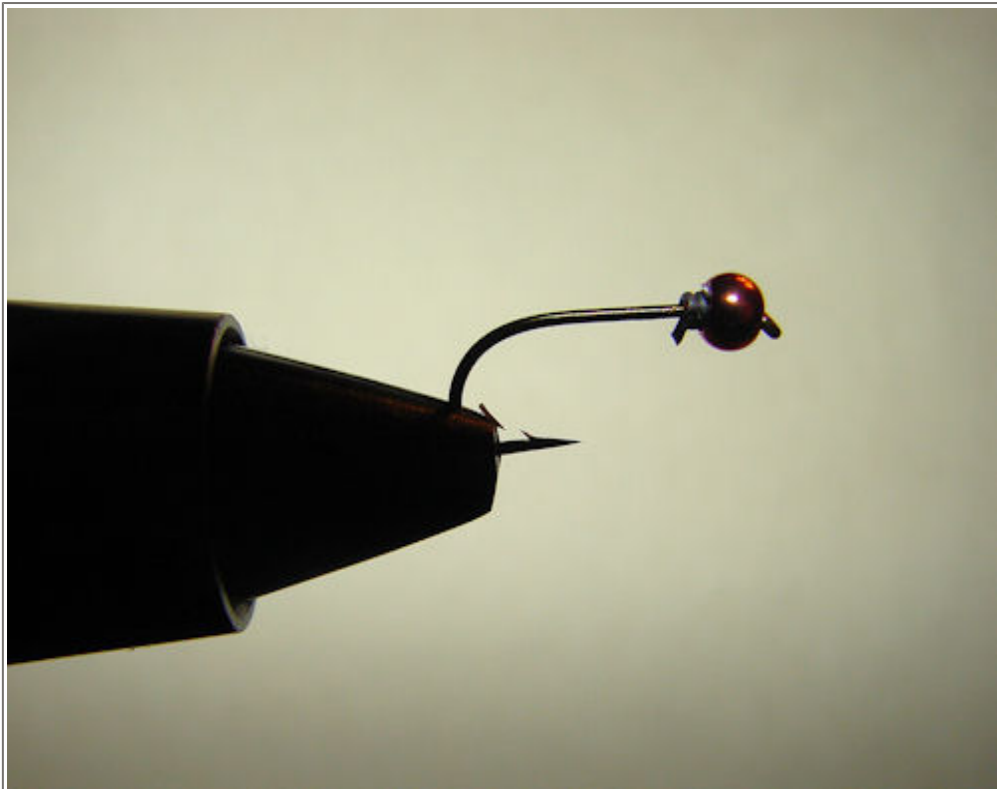
Step #1

The Nymph Hook securely in vise



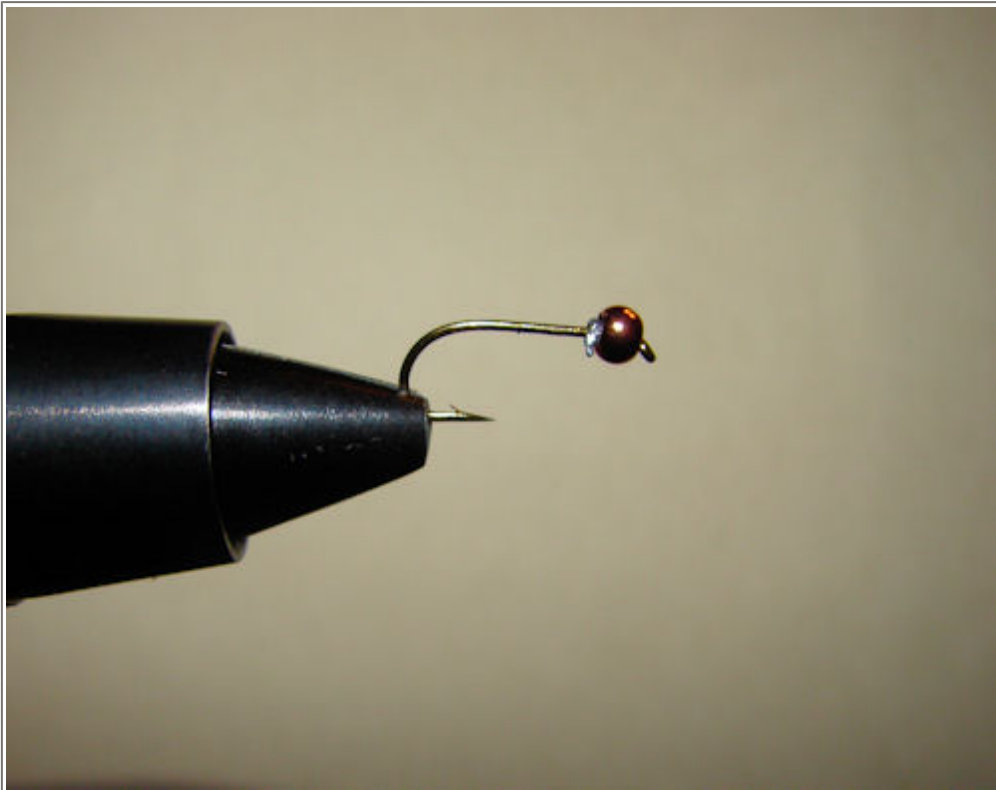
### Step #2

Take hook out of vise and slide on a small copper bead (because you forgot to do that before Step #1).



### Step #3

Make three wraps of lead near bead.



Step #4

Force the wraps of lead into the bead cavity.



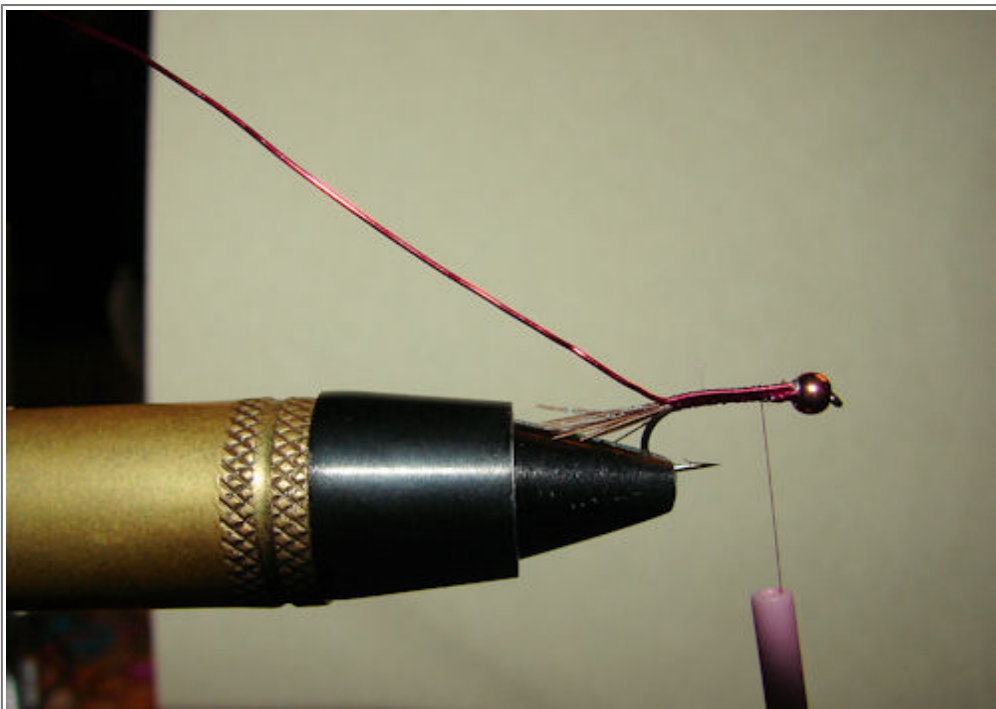
Step #5

Lay down a thread base, making sure to lock in the lead.



Step #6

Tied in tail material and return thread to bead.



Step #7

Tie in copper (or colored) wire from bead to the rear. Return thread to Bead



Step #10

Wrap wire forward to bead and tie down.



Step #11

Attach Peacock herl and wind forward, leaving approximately 2" hanging free.



Step #12

Tie in leg material.



Step #12

Over-wrap leg material with remainder of Peacock herl. Whip finish and apply head cement.



Bottom View



Top View



Copper John with Copper Wire instead of colored wire.

Final Thoughts: There are numerous variations of this fly. Not only in use of wire colors, but as mentioned in the materials list, differences in tail materials - biots or tips. Some folks put a shell-back on this fly with either the pheasant tail fibers, or use flashback materials. A very versatile fly that imitates some mayfly nymphs or possibly midge chironomids if tied in smaller sizes. The thorax area is modified quite a bit in some designs. Some tie a short wing on top (like a Prince Nymph), some tie legs to the side and others tie in legs underneath.