

CAA Fly Tying - Diawl Bach

Meaning 'little devil' in Welsh.

A fly so versatile and suggestive of so many aquatic insects, it is not a fly to be missing from your fly box.

The true originator remains a mystery, but one would agree that the humble creator is happily sitting back smiling knowing, they've created one of the most deadliest fish catchers known to fishers around the world.

Fishing the Diawl Bach is pretty simple - just get it in the water! As implied above this fly is so 'buggy' there is no wrong way to fish it. Fish it deep, on the top, fast, slow, drifting, in a team, solo, on the swing etc.

Tying it is the fun part and the option for variants is only limited by your own imagination.

Let's do it!

Materials:

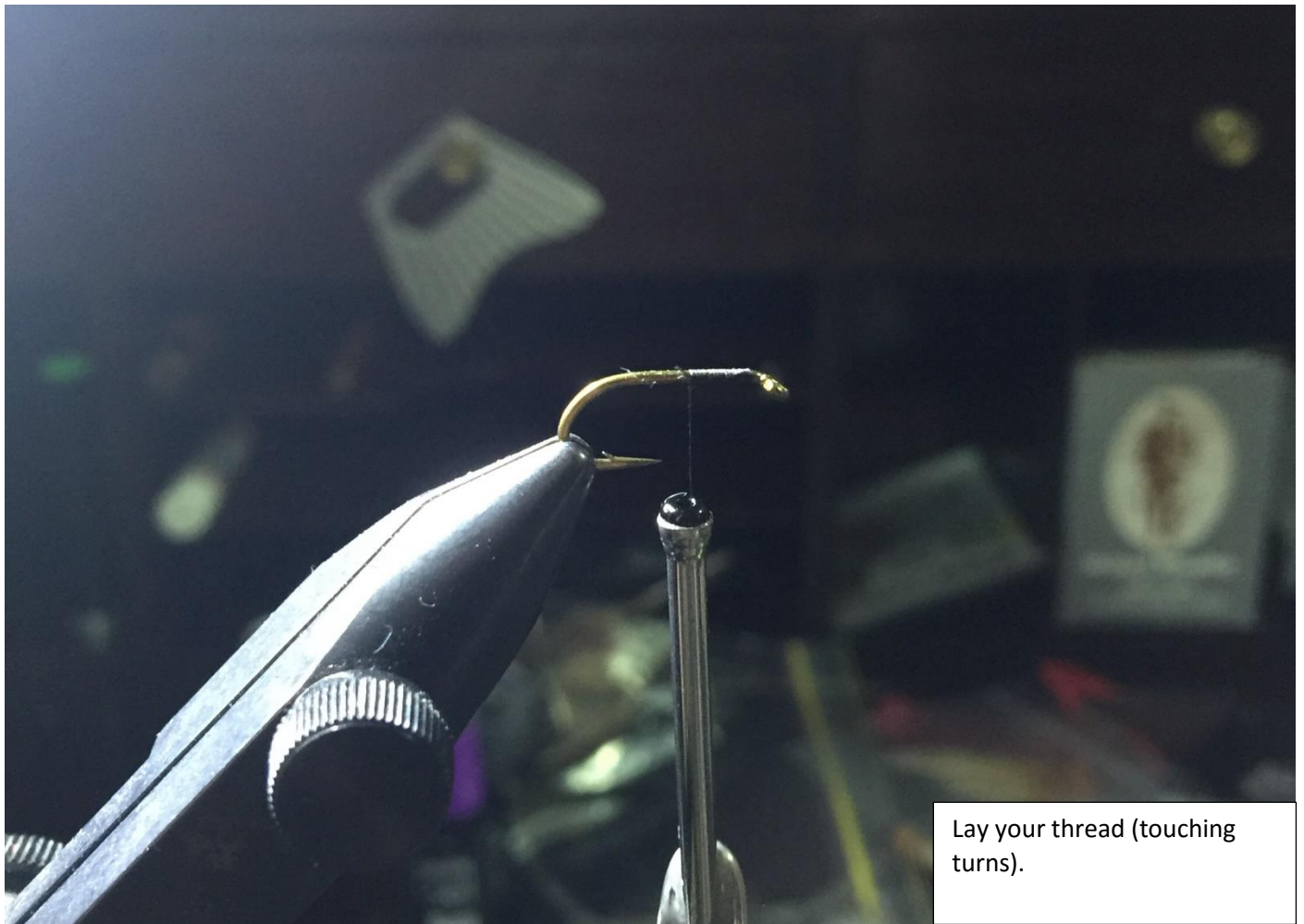
- **Hook** - standard nymph size 12-16
- **Thread** - 6/0 or 8/0 (colour of your choice)
- **Tail** - a few barbs of hackle (colour of your choice)
- **Body**- peacock hurl
- **Ribbing** - copper wire fine, or fine tinsel (colour of your choice)
- **False hackle** (beard) - again a few barbs (colour of your choice)
- **Head** - any tying thread

Optional:

- **Jungle cock eyes** (split eyes are best so you don't waste your good ones for bigger flies)
- **Fine dubbing** for head
- **Depending on body** UV resin to give the body and fly far better durability.
- **Imagination!**



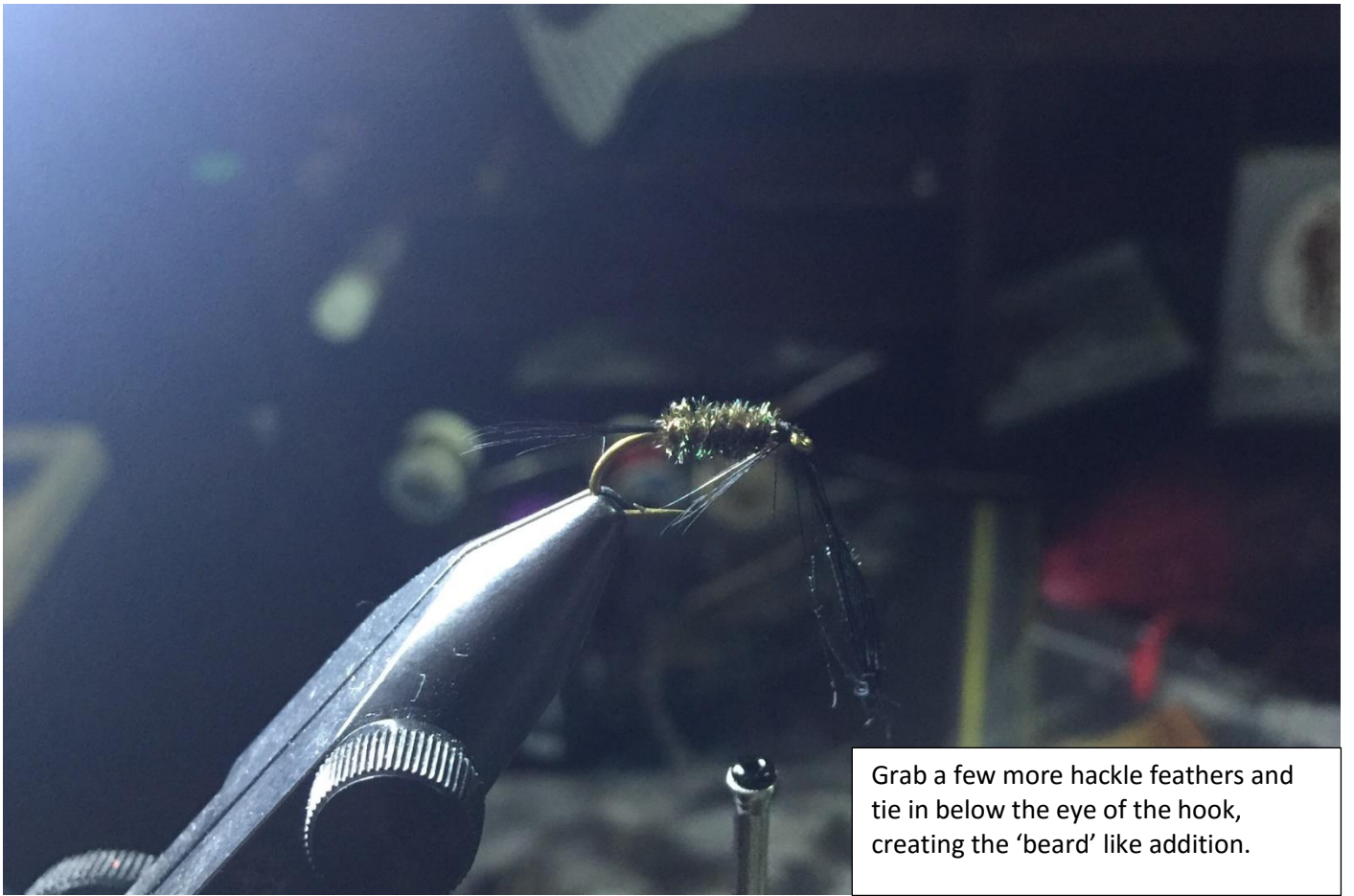
All the materials you will require for the basic Diawl Bach



Lay your thread (touching turns).



Tie in your tail, wire and peacock herl.
Wrap herl forward, and tie in
Wind in the wire to lock in the herl and tie off.



Grab a few more hackle feathers and tie in below the eye of the hook, creating the 'beard' like addition.



Tie in fluoro thread and create the head, and whip finish. A bright colour adds both the look of the head, and also creates the 'hot spot' (fish attracting).



Varnish or UV head to lock down threads.



Quick Diawl Bach variant, however difficult to see without a macro camera lens!!