

HOOK: Mustad 94840 or equivalent, size 8 to 22

THREAD: Strong 6/0 or 3/0

TAIL: Brown and grizzly dry fly hackle fibers mixed, or moose body hairs

BODY: Natural deer body hair spun and trimmed

WINGS: Grizzly hackle tips

HACKLE: Brown and grizzly dry fly hackle mixed



1. Secure hook in vise. Attach thread at bend. Cut tail fibers from a brown and a grizzly dry fly hackle, or moose body hair (about 15 for a size 12). Mix hackle fibers then stack in hair stacker to even tips (or just stack the moose). Attach tail at bend. Tail length should equal hook shank length. Wind over butt ends of tail (just far enough to secure) and trim excess. Wind thread back to bend and tie two half hitches.

2. Trim a pencil sized bunch of deer hair (less for smaller hooks) from the patch, remove under-fur, cut off tips. Lay atop hook shank at bend; make two loose wraps around the center of the bunch. As you make the third wrap pull the thread tight and release the hair at the same time, causing the hair to rotate around hook and flare.

Make two to three more snug wraps in the center of the flared hair. Make two wraps in front of hair, then two half hitches; pack hair rearward. Add a drop of head cement to the half hitches. Repeat above steps until body is slightly forward of mid-shank. Trim to shape, ensuring gape is open.



3. Attach wings slightly ahead of body (allow room for two to three wraps of hackle behind the wings). Ensure wings splay apart in a "V". Wing height should equal hook shank length.

4. Attach one brown and one grizzly hackle directly behind the wings, shiny side facing forward. Hackle should be measured with a gauge or equal one and a half times the hook gape. Wind the first hackle (I start with brown) three times behind then three times in front of the wings. Secure with two wraps of thread and trim excess. Repeat with the other hackle, mixing in with the first hackle. Secure and trim excess. Build a neat, tapered head; whip finish, trim, and cement.

