

## *Mini Deer Hair Popper... Kevin Cohenour*

<b>HOOK</b>	Mustad 3906B or equivalent, sizes 8-12
<b>THREAD</b>	Monocord
<b>TAIL</b>	Deer Hair Tips
<b>BODY</b>	Deer Hair
<b>LEGS</b>	Rubber Hackle Material



1. Secure hook in vise. Attach thread above barb, wind to bend. Cut 15 to 20 deer body hairs from the patch. Remove the under fur and stack hair. Attach the tail at the bend so tail length is the same as the shank length. Securely wrap the tail about 1/4 shank length and cut excess. Return the thread to the bend.

2. Cut slightly less than a pencil's diameter of deer hair. Remove under fur and cut off the tips from the hair. Lay the Hair on top the shank at the bend. Make two loose wraps of thread around the center of the bunch of hair. As you make the third wrap release the bunch of hair all at once. This will cause the hair to flare and rotate. Make 2 more wraps in the center of the flared hair. Wind the thread to in front of the hair and make two wraps then two half hitches. You may add a drop of head cement to the half hitches.



3. Cut a piece of leg material about three inches long. Attach in front of the hair using "X" wraps.

4. Add two more bunches of hair as in step 2. Press each bunch rearward to pack tightly. Add another piece of leg material followed by another bunch (or two if needed to fill the shank) of hair. The hair should end about 1/16" behind the hook eye.



5. Build a tapered head, whip finish, cut thread and cement. Using a razor blade or scissors trim the popper to shape. The fly should taper from front to back, and the bottom must be cut flat and close to the shank to allow room to hook the fish.