

The Mosquito

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HOOK	Mustad 94840 (dry) size 12 to 20, or 3906 (wet), size 12 to 16
THREAD	Gray or black 6/0 or 8/0
TAIL	Grizzly hackle fibers
BODY	Moose mane or stripped grizzly hackle quill
WINGS	Grizzly hackle tips (on dry - omit on wet)
HACKLE	Grizzly



1. Secure hook in vise and wrap thread to just short of mid-shank. Wind thread forward to just short of the middle of the thread covered portion (about the 1/3 position). This is the wing location.

2. Using the pinch method, secure a pair of wings at the point where the thread is hanging, facing forward. Make a few wraps rearward, cut then wrap wing butts. Wing length should equal hook shank length. (You may omit wings on the wet version.)



3. Pull wings upright and make 10-20 wraps in front to stand up, wind thread to bend. Using the pinch method secure tail at bend. Tail length for dry should equal hook shank length or 2x gape (for wet tail length equals gape).



4. Strip a grizzly hackle quill or select 2 dark and 1 light moose mane hairs (trim off about 1/2" of mane tips). Attach by tip at bend. Wind thread forward to a point slightly forward of mid-shank. Wind the body material (stripped quill or moose mane) forward and secure.



5. Select a grizzly hackle of the correct length for hook size. (If tying a wet fly use a hen hackle.) Wrap 3 times behind and in front of wings on a dry (2 or 3 wraps total on a wet). Secure Hackle and trim excess. (On a wet stroke back hackle and make 3 or 4 wraps directly in front of the hackle to cause it to lay slightly back towards hook point.) Whip finish and cement. Coat the body with cement to give it more durability.

