

Doc Hackles Fly Tying Corner

Here are two more flies that I have come across in my searching for something different to tie. The first one is an old standard from BC, the second one is a general all around fly for Bluegills, Bass and trout. Both are easy to tie and they can be a good choice when something else may not be working.

Caverhill Nymph

Hook Mustad #9671 or #9672 / Size 6 to 10

Thread Black 6/0

Rib Flat or Oval Silver Tinsel

Body Blue black Mohair Yarn

Collar Blue black Saddle Hackle

Head Peacock Herl or Peacock Colored Yarn



TYING INSTRUCTIONS;

Step #1 Anchor the thread, now run it back to the hook bend and bring it back up to within 3/8 inch of the hook eye. Now tie in the ribbing material and the yarn, holding both on the near side. Now move your thread down the shank of the hook holding the ribbing material and the yarn on the near side stopping at the hook bend.

Step #2 Now wrap the Mohair Yarn up the hook shank, covering approximately three quarters of the hook shank. Next wrap up the ribbing to the same place. You should have 3 or 4 wraps of ribbing only.

Step #3 Next take your hackle and tie it on and make 3 or 4 wraps and tie it off. You can tie the hackle on by the tip if it is a big wide webby one or tie it in by the butt if it is a thinner less "webby" hackle.

Step #4 Tie in 4 to 6 peacock herls, twist them around the thread making a herl noodle. Now wrap that herl noodle forward making a nice head up to within a hook eye's width of the eye of the hook. Now tie the thread off and whip finish the head and you are done.

Brindle Bug

Hook TMC # 5262 / Size 6
to 12

Thread Black 6/0

Tail Brown Hackle

Fibers

Body Black and Yellow
Variegated Chenille

Hackle Brown Hen Hackle

**TYING INSTRUCTIONS;**

Step #1 Anchor the thread and run it down to the bend of the hook. Now take a small bundle of brown hackle fibers and anchor them in at the same point, making the tail. Then wrap the thread forward holding the hackle fibers on top of the shank. Six or seven wraps of the thread should do just fine. Trim the remaining fibers off.

Step #2 Now take your chenille and strip a small section of the fibers off exposing the thread. Now take the thread part and tie it in at the tie in point of the tail. Now wrap the chenille forward to within one quarter inch of the hook eye and tie off.

Step #3 Now tie in your Brown Hen Hackle by the tip and make 4 or 5 wraps. Tie your thread off and do a whip finish or two. Now you are done.



Ed Ruckey, A.K.A. "Doc Hackle"



"Fly Fishing seems like an unlikely object of obsession/madness. You just put a fuzzy sharp thing on a piece of string at the end of a long thing to catch a slimy thing out of the wet stuff that you then do not keep. What's so compelling about that? It certainly would be explicable to be obsessed with food, sex, or something along those lines. There is a long history of pleasant feelings and experiences associated with those, not to mention the fact that they are necessary for human survival. Fly fishing, sadly, is not necessary for human survival."

Jack Ohman, "Angler Management"