

# ADAMS PARACHUTE



## Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 10-20

Thread...Black or Gray 6/0 or 8/0

Post.....White Calf tail

Tail.....Brown and Grizzly hackle fibers, mixed

Body.....Gray Dubbing

Hackle...Brown and Grizzly

Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in thread behind the hook eye and wrap back to about mid hook shank, then reverse your wraps and wrap back to a point about 1/3 hook shank behind hook eye. The wraps should be tight and will serve as a thread base for the wing post. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut, measure, and clean a bunch of calf tail as a wing post. Place it in a stacker and align the tips. The post should be about 1 ½ to 2 times the hook gap in length.
3. Holding the calf tail on top of hook shank with the tips facing out over the hook eye, tie it in with a couple of soft loops at the 1/3 hook shank position where you left the thread. After ensuring the post is in the right position (and holding the wing securely with your fingers), make several tight thread wraps over the butt ends to firmly bind them down. (This will be awkward but you will only need to hold the wing for the first 3-4 tight thread wraps.) Trim the butt ends of the hair and cover them with thread wrapping back to just over the hook barb.
4. Now lightly dub your thread with gray dubbing and form a **SMALL** bump of dubbing on the hook shank just over the barb. Clean excess dubbing off the thread and make a couple of wraps right behind the dubbing bump.
5. Now take several brown and grizzly hackle fibers, align their ends and blend them together with your finger tips. Tie-in fibers right behind the dubbing bump with 2 soft loops. Use your finger to splay the hackle fibers over the bump, then make several tight

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thread wraps over the butts back to where it meets the butt of the wing post. Trim the excess hackle butts and wrap the thread back to behind the thread bump. The tail should equal the hook shank in length.

6. Apply a small amount of dubbing to thread and wrap dubbed thread forward to right behind wing post, forming a tapered body. Remove excess dubbing and let thread hang
7. Take hold of the wing post and lift it straight up. Take the thread and make several tight turns of thread right up against the front edge of the post. This will make the wing post stand up straight.
8. Now take the thread and make several turns of thread around the wing post to begin to lay down a base for the wing. Let the thread hang.
9. Select one appropriately sized brown hackle feather and one grizzly hackle feather and trim fluff from their bases.
10. Tie-in both hackle feathers (with dull sides facing you) standing upright against the wing post. Wrap thread about 1/16 to 1/8" up the post covering both the hackle butts and the post. Then wrap the thread back down the post and under the hook shank so that the thread ends in front of the post.
11. Grasp the tip of the first hackle feather with hackle pliers and wrap counter-clockwise down the post over the thread wraps (3-4 wraps are sufficient) to the hook shank and tie it off against the hook shank just at the bottom of the post. Repeat this step with the second hackle feather. (Note: Try to avoid tying down hackles of the first feather by "wiggling" the second hackle feather between the fibers of the first as you wrap it down the post.)
12. Now apply a small amount of dubbing to the thread and dub in front of the wing post to behind the hook eye. (You can avoid tying down the hackle fibers of your wing by simply grasping the wing and post and bending them back over the hook shank out of the way.)
13. Remove the excess dubbing, form a thread head, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement. (In forming the thread head, you will find that you will be wrapping the thread over the dubbing to a small extent - that is just fine.)

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