

A.P. BEAVER



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph or Wet, Heavy Wire 1X, size 16-8

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

Weight.....Small/Medium lead wire (optional)

Tail.....Dark Moose Hair

Rib.....Copper wire

Abdomen.....Dark Beaver Dubbing

Wingcase.....Dark Moose Hair

Legs.....Dark Moose Hair

Thorax.....Dark Beaver Dubbing

Head.....Dark Beaver Dubbing

1. Place the hook in the vise, then make 6-7 wraps of lead wire in the front half (thorax area) of the hook shank. **(Make sure to leave about 1/8" of bare hook shank behind the hook eye.)** Trim off any excess lead wire.
2. Tie-in the thread in front of the lead wire and build a small thread dam in front of and behind the lead wraps, then wrap the thread back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Cut, clean and stack a small batch of moose hair and tie it in with several tight thread wraps **on top of the hook shank** at the hook bend as a tail. **(The tail should be about a hook gap in length.)** DO NOT TRIM OFF THE EXCESS HAIR BUTTS!

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4. Lift the tail and take a single turn of thread under the hair (not the hook shank) to make the tail stand up. Now lay the hair butts on top of the hook shank and wrap the thread over them forward to the back of the lead wraps. **(Again, do not trim off the excess hair butts.)**
5. Tie-in a 4-5" piece of copper wire by one end at the point where you tied off the hair butts. The length of the wire should extend back over the hook bend. Wrap the thread over the wire (and hair) back to the bend in the hook to the tail tie-in point. Let the thread hang.
6. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered abdomen forward, covering the hair butts, to the back end of the lead wraps. **(This should be at about the mid-point of the hook shank.)** Tie off the dubbing, remove any excess dubbing, and let the thread hang.
7. Now wrap the copper wire forward in 4-6 evenly spaced wraps and tie it off at the end of the abdomen. Trim off any excess wire and let the thread hang.
8. Redub the thread, pull the hair butts back firmly, and dub a thick thorax forward to slightly behind the hook eye. Tie off the dubbing, remove any excess dubbing from the thread, and let the thread hang.
9. Pull the hair butts forward over the top of the thorax and tie them off slightly behind the hook eye with several tight thread wraps. Now pull 4-6 hair butts back along each side of the thorax and secure them there with thread wraps over their front edge.
10. Trim off the remaining hair butts that are projecting over the hook eye. Ensure that the hook eye is clear.
11. Dub the thread and wrap a small dubbed head over the hair butts behind the hook eye. Remove any excess dubbing and do a whip finish right behind the hook eye. Cut the thread.
12. Remove the fly from the vise and trim the legs so that they extend only slightly past the back of the thorax. Similarly, trim the tail so that there are only 6-8 fibers in the tail.