

FAN WING ADAMS



Recipe

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

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

Wing.....Mallard body or flank feather, black and white or lemon wood duck feather, or Turkey flat

Tail.....Pheasant tail fibers and guinea fowl or grizzly fibers

Rib.....Peacock herl, stripped

Body.....Fine and dry dubbing, gray

Hackle...Brown and Grizzly

Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the middle of the hook shank, then reverse direction and wrap halfway back toward the hook eye. This is the point where the wings will be tied-in. Let the thread hang.
2. Select two wing feathers and strip the fluff from their base. Measure them so that they are approximately the length of the hook shank. *(If necessary, strip fibers from the base of the feathers until they are the right length.)* Place them back to back so the tips are even and flare outward, then position them *(with the tips pointing toward the hook bend)* on either side of the hook shank at the point we established in step 1 and tie them in with 2-3 tight thread wraps. Now pull the feather butts back **under** the hook shank toward the hook bend and make several tight thread wraps over them **behind** the wings going toward the hook bend for about 1/4". This should pull the wings upright. Trim off any excess wing butts and continue to wrap the thread back to the hook bend.
3. Select 6 pheasant tail fibers and tie them in at the hook bend so that the fibers extend beyond the hook bend **the length of the hook shank**. Now select 6-8 grizzly fibers and tie them in **on top** of the pheasant fibers. Make several tight thread wraps to secure all the fibers, then spread the fibers into 2-3 batches and make a wrap of thread between the batches to help spread the fibers. Return the thread to the tail tie-in point.

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4. Select a peacock herl and strip it down to a bare quill. Tie the stripped quill in by the butt end tight against the tail with the length of the quill going out over the hook bend. Trim off any excess quill butt and return the thread to the tail tie-in point.
5. Dub the thread and wrap a thin tapered body to slightly behind the wings. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
6. Take the stripped peacock herl and wrap it forward as a rib over the body in evenly spaced wraps to slightly behind the wings and tie it off. Remove any excess quill and let the thread hang.
7. Select a brown and a grizzly hackle feather (*sized for the hook being used*) and strip the fluff from their butts. Tie them in by their butts behind the wings with their **concave sides facing toward the hook shank**. Remove any excess feather butt and wrap the thread forward to behind the hook eye.
8. Wrap the brown feather forward with 4-5 turns behind the wings and 3-4 turns in front of the wings, then tie it off and remove any excess. Now do the same thing with the grizzly feather.
9. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement, if desired.