

FLYING ANT



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 12-20
Thread.....Black 6/0 or 8/0
Wing.....White Antron
Hackle.....Black
Body/Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in the thread in the middle of the hook shank and then wrap it in close turns back to the bend of hook, then back to the tie-in point. Repeat this back and forth thread wrapping, building up a football shaped abdomen with the thread ending at the thread tie-in point. **(Flatten the thread by twisting it counterclockwise until it is a series of fibers. This flattened thread will not roll as it is wrapped and will make building up the abdomen much easier.)**
2. Cut a short length of white antron and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank against the front of the abdomen. The length of the antron should extend out over the hook bend. Trim the antron so that it extends slightly past the hook bend.
3. Select a hackle feather with fibers the length of the hook gap and strip the fluff from its base. Tighten the thread (spin it clockwise) and tie the feather in by its tip at the base of the antron wing. Wrap the hackle forward in 3-4 close turns and tie it off. **(Be sure to stroke the hackle fibers back with each wrap to avoid tying down fibers.)** Remove the excess hackle butt.
4. Now flatten the thread again and wrap it as in step #1 back and forth between the front edge of the hackle and the rear of the hook eye building up a thorax/head of roughly the same diameter as the abdomen.
5. When the thorax/head is formed, do a whip finish behind the hook eye and cut the thread.
6. Apply head cement to both the abdomen and thorax segments being careful to avoid getting cement on the hackle fibers or the antron wing.