

# GINGER MONITOR



## Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 10-14

Thread.....Tan or cream 6/0 or 8/0

Wing post.....Closed-cell foam, bubble style

Tail.....Light ginger or cream hackle Fibers

Body.....Cream or ginger dubbing

Hackle.....Light ginger, cream, or grizzly, dry

Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back to about mid hook shank, then reverse your wraps and wrap back to a point about 1/3 of the hook shank behind the hook eye. The wraps should be tight and will serve as a thread base for the wing post. *(At your option, you can apply a touch of CA glue to cement the wraps.) Let the thread hang.*
2. Cut a strip of closed cell foam about 1/8" to 1/4" in diameter and taper one end to a "v" point. Tie the strip on top of the hook shank by the "v" at 1/3 of the hook shank behind the eye with several firm thread wraps. The length of the foam should extend out over the hook eye. **Do not wrap up the foam strip farther than the edges of the "v" as this will create too much bulk.** Pull the foam strip upright and then fold it over toward the rear to create a "bubble" about the height of the hook gap width, then tie it off tightly against the hook shank at the same point you initially tied-in the foam. Trim off any excess foam and bind down the butts tightly to the hook shank. Make 5-6 thread wraps around the base of the "bubble" and return the thread to behind the "bubble" and wrap a thread base back to over the hook shank. Let the thread hang.
3. Now take 20 or so ginger hackle fibers and align their ends. Tie-in the fibers on top of the hook shank over the hook barb. Bind down the butts up the hook shank to the back of the wing "bubble" using tight wraps. Trim off excess butt ends. Use the thread to create a smooth tapered body. Wrap the thread back to over the hook barb. **(The tail should equal the hook shank in length.)**
4. Apply a small amount of dubbing to the thread and wrap the dubbed thread forward to right behind the "bubble", forming a tapered body. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.

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5. Select one ginger hackle feather **sized for a hook one size bigger** than you are using and trim the fluff from the base. Tie-in the hackle feather (*with the dull side facing you*) by the butt on the hook shank at the base of the "bubble". Remove any excess hackle butt.
6. Now grasp the tip of the hackle feather with hackle pliers and wrap it **counter-clockwise** around the base of the "bubble" (3-4 wraps are sufficient) then tie it off against the hook shank just at the front of the "bubble".
7. Now apply a small amount of dubbing to the thread and dub in front of the "bubble" to behind the hook eye. (*You can avoid tying down the hackle fibers of your wing by simply grasping the wing and "bubble" and bending them back over the hook shank out of the way.*)
8. 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 may be wrapping the thread over the dubbing to a small extent-that is just fine.)

**Note:** As you will have noted, the Monitor is a **style** of parachute where foam is used as the wing post. As opposed to a parachute with a hair or synthetic wing post, this style will float much longer without becoming waterlogged and is a good choice for rough water. Like most parachute flies, it will float low in the surface film of water but is not as dependent on the hackling for floatation. This type of parachute is readily adaptable to many dry fly patterns. Try it.