

HARROP HAIRWING GREEN DRAKE



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 6 -18
Thread.....Brown GSP, 50 Denier
Tail.....Moose Hock Fibers
Rib.....Brown Floss
Body.....Super Fine Dubbing, Gray-Olive
Hackle.....Olive Grizzly mixed with Brown
Thorax.....Super Fine Dubbing, Gray-Olive
Wing.....Deer Hair

1. Place the hook in the vise. Tie-in the thread one hook eye length behind the hook eye and wrap it down the hook shank in touching turns to a point over the hook point, forming a solid thread base. Now wrap the thread forward to a point 2/3rds of the way up the hook shank. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut, clean, and stack 6 to 8 moose hock hairs to use as a tail. Lay the hair on top of the hook shank with the tips extending about a hook gap in length past the hook bend and tie them in. Take one wrap of thread between the tail hairs and the hook shank to lift the tail slightly, then, keeping the hair butts on top of the hook shank, wrap forward over them covering the rear 2/3rds of the hook shank. Trim off any excess hair butts. Let the thread hang. ***(Be aware that we are trying to build a smooth underbody by tying down the hair butts along the hook shank. We will continue building this underbody and adding bulk to it with the floss/thread in the next step.)***
3. Cut a 4-5" piece of floss to serve as a rib. Tie the floss in by one end at the point where you left the thread. The length of the floss should extend back over the hook bend. Keeping the floss on top of the hook shank, wrap thread over it back to the tail tie-in point. Let the thread hang. **Do not trim off the remaining floss.**
4. Now dub the thread and wrap a tapered body forward over the rear 2/3rds of the hook shank. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.

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5. Grasp the floss rib and wrap it forward in 6-7 evenly spaced wraps to the front of the body and tie it off. Remove any excess floss.
6. Now select an olive grizzly and a brown hackle feather with barbs that are 1 1/2 times the length of the hook gap. Strip the fluff from the feather bases and tie them in at the front of the body. ***(They should be tied-in brown over grizzly with the concave sides of the feathers down.)*** Make sure to leave a little bare stem when you tie in the feathers so that when you wrap them, they will stand upright and not splay back.
7. Dub the thread and form a thorax by wrapping it over the hackle butts forward to a point a little more than one hook eye length behind the hook eye. ***(You need this space to adequately tie-in the hair wing.)*** Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
8. Grasp both hackle feathers and stand them upright, then wrap them forward together over the thorax and tie them off. Stroke the fibers back with each wrap to avoid tying them down. ***(Be sure to leave space behind the hook eye for the wing.)*** Remove any excess hackle and let the thread hang.
8. Cut, clean, and stack a bunch of deer hair ***(judge the amount by the size of the hook)***. Tie the hair in on top of the hook shank behind the hook eye with 2-3 tight thread wraps placed one on top of the other, then take two more wraps thru the butts to tie off the hair. Do not let the hair spin around the hook shank. ***(The wing hair tips should reach back as far as the hook point.)*** Whip finish the thread in front of hair butts and cut the thread.
9. Remove the hook from the vise and trim the wing hair butts similarly to a traditional elk hair caddis. Then trim the **hackle** beneath the hook shank to form a v-shape. This will allow the fly to ride upright and closer to the water's surface.