

KLINKHAMMER SPECIAL



Recipe

Hook.....Curved Caddis, size 12-22

Thread.....Tan 6/0

Abdomen....Lt Tan Dubbing

Wingpost...White/Lt Gray Polypropylene Yarn

Hackle.....Dry hackle, Dun

Thorax.....Peacock Herl

1. Take a pair of pliers and bend the front of the hook shank downward about 10 degrees at the 1/3rd point on the hook shank. Now place the hook in the vice so that the bent front section is parallel to the ground, giving a flat surface on which to tie-on the wing post.
2. Tie-in the thread behind the hook and wrap a solid thread foundation back to where the hook shaft was bent, then wrap the thread back to the middle of the thread foundation. The thread should now be in the middle of the bent section of the hook shank.
3. Cut a 2-3" length of poly yarn and divide it in half lengthwise. Lay one of the halved lengths of poly yarn on the hook shank so that its middle is located where the thread is hanging and tie it in with 2-3 tight wraps of thread. Then, with your left fingers, pull both ends of the length of yarn straight up and take several thread wraps of thread around the base of the yarn, creating an upright wing post and a thread foundation for the hackle.
4. Select a hackle feather with barbs 1½ times the size usually required for the size hook being used. Strip the fluff off the base of the hackle feather and, with the dull side of the feather facing you, tie it in vertically along the side of the wing post with several thread wraps going up and down the wing post making a thread foundation on which to later wrap the hackle. The bottom hackle barbs should be located so that they are slightly above the top of the post thread foundation. Return the thread to the base of the wing post.
5. Now wrap the thread in tight wraps down the hook shank to the hook bend. Dub the thread sparsely for a thin body and wrap it back up the hook to just behind the wing post and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing from the thread.

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6. Select three peacock herls and tie them in directly in front of the dubbed body. Twist the herls and thread together into a herl "rope" and make 2-3 wraps of the "rope" behind the wing post, then wrap it under the wing post and continue wrapping the "rope" to just behind the hook eye. Untwist the herl from the thread and tie it off behind the hook eye. Remove the excess herl, make a whip finish behind the hook eye, and cut the thread.
7. Reposition the hook so that the wing post is perpendicular with the floor.
8. Reattach the thread at the base of the wing post. Grasp the hackle feather and bend and crimp it vertically to the wing post at the top of the wing post thread foundation. Wrap the hackle feather counterclockwise down the wing post for 5-7 wraps. After the last wrap, hold the hackle feather horizontally out from the wing post and make 2-3 tie-off wraps around it at the base of the wing post. Remove the excess hackle and tie a whip finish at the base of the wing post. Cut the thread.