

LIGHT CAHILL PARACHUTE



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 12 - 18

Thread...Cream 6/0 or 8/0

Post..... White calf tail

Tail.....Light ginger hackle Fibers

Body.....Cream dubbing

Hackle....Light ginger

Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in thread behind the hook eye and wrap back to about mid hook shank, then reverse your wraps and wrap back to a point about 1/3 hook shank behind 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, measure, and clean a bunch of calf tail as a wing post. Place it in a stacker and align the tips. The post should be about 1 ½ to 2 times the hook gap in length.
3. Holding the calf tail on top of hook shank with the tips facing out over the hook eye, tie it in with a couple of soft loops at the 1/3 hook shank position where you left the thread. After ensuring the post is in the right position (and holding the wing securely with your fingers), make several tight thread wraps over the butt ends to firmly bind them down. (This will be awkward but you will only need to hold the wing for the first 3-4 tight thread wraps.) Trim the butt ends of the hair and cover them with thread wrapping back to just over the hook barb.
4. Now take several cream 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 to the back of the wing butts 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.)**

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5. Apply small amount of cream dubbing to thread and wrap the dubbed thread forward to right behind wing post, forming a tapered body. Remove excess dubbing and let thread hang.
6. Take hold of the wing post and lift it straight up. Take the thread and make several tight turns of thread right up against the front edge of the post. This will make the wing post stand up straight.
7. Now take the thread and make several turns of thread around the wing post to create a base for the wing. Let the thread hang.
8. Select one appropriately sized cream hackle feather and trim fluff from the base.
9. Tie-in the hackle feather (with dull side facing you) standing upright against the wing post. Wrap thread about 1/16 to 1/8" up the post covering both the hackle butt and the post. Then wrap the thread back down the post and under the hook shank so that the thread ends in front of the post.
10. Grasp the tip of the hackle feather with hackle pliers and wrap **counter-clockwise** down the post over the thread wraps (3-4 wraps are sufficient) to the hook shank and tie it off against the hook shank just at the bottom of the post.
11. Now apply a small amount of dubbing to the thread and dub in front of the wing post to behind the hook eye. (You can avoid tying down the hackle fibers of your wing by simply grasping the wing and post and bending them back over the hook shank out of the way.)
12. 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 will be wrapping the thread over the dubbing to a small extent—that is just fine.)

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