

## THREAD ANT



### Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 14 – 20

Thread....Black 6/0 or 8/0

Hackle....Black

Body.....Thread

1. Tie-in thread in middle of hook shank.
2. Wrap thread in close turns back to bend of hook, then back to hackle tie-in point. Repeat this back and forth thread wrapping building a football shaped abdomen with thread ending at the hackle tie-in point..
3. Tie-in hackle by tip in middle of hook shank with feather pointing over hook eye
4. Holding hackle upright, wrap thread under hook shank to the front of the hackle tie-in point and make two or three wraps of thread. Let thread hang.
5. Take the hackle and make no more than two turns of hackle, then tie off. Clip excess hackle.
6. Keeping hackle held back to avoid tying down hackle fibers, wrap thread forward in tight concentric turns to about one hook eye length behind hook eye. Then, as with the abdomen, wrap the thread back and forth to build up a smaller football shaped thorax. Finish with thread behind hook eye, whip finish, and clip thread.
7. Apply head cement to both the abdomen and thorax segments being careful to avoid getting cement on hackle fibers.

NOTE: For this fly, remember to flatten your thread by spinning it counter clockwise until you see the thread fibers flatten before you begin building the abdomen and thorax. It is essential to tie this fly with the flattened thread to avoid having your bodies shift and “roll” apart. To tighten your thread again, simply spin it clockwise.