

The Simple Three Hackle



Recipe

1. Hook: Dry fly hook, #12 – 22
2. Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0, or color to match the body of the natural
3. Body and Tail: none
4. Wing: Three clumps of rooster hackle fibers -- dark dun, grizzly, and brown – tied downwing style
5. Hackle: Three quality rooster hackles (dun, grizzly, and brown) tied in at midpoint of hook shank, each wrapped with two or three turns

Tying Instructions

1. To construct the 3H, wrap thread over the shank.
2. Tie in three small clumps of hackle barbs (brown, dark dun, and grizzly) at the midpoint of the shank. Tie one clump on top of the other, using any ordering of the colors you like. The hackle tips should extend about 1/3 beyond the hook shank.
3. Tie in three quality hackles at the midpoint of the barb, and make 2-3 wraps of each individual hackle, tying down each before wrapping the next.
4. Shape a head and tie off, using your favorite knot.