

A step at a time: KLINKHAMMER



Originator: Hans van Klinken

Hook: Kamasan B100, #10-16

Thread: Gudebrod 8/0, to match body

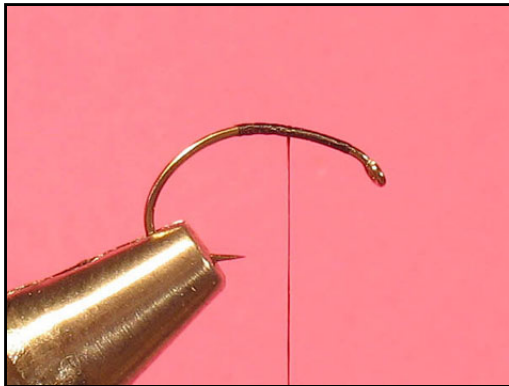
Abdomen: Fly-Rite Dubbing, March Brown

Thorax: Peacock herl

Wing: Poly yarn, white

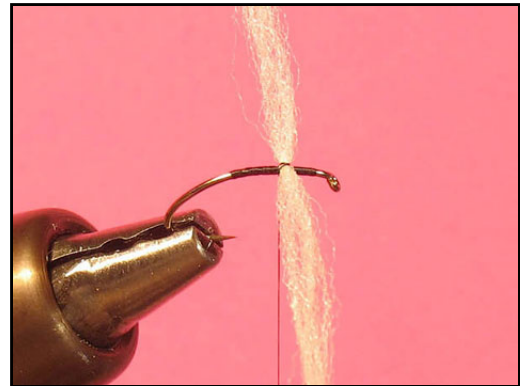
Hackle: Rooster, brown

Step 1



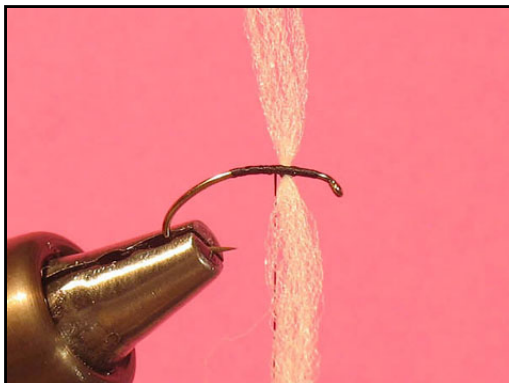
Mount a hook in the vise, tie in the thread and cover the thorax area. Ignore my (bad) choice of thread color. Use a color that will match the body.

Step 2



Tie in a piece of poly yarn, perpendicular to the hook shank, with a couple of figure-8 wraps.

Step 3



Before securing it with more and tighter wraps, twist it around the hook so it ends up under it.

Step 4



Make another couple of figure-8 wraps to secure the wing better and fold then up the ends and post them together on top of the hook. Wrap the thread down the hook to the point you want the abdomen to start.

Step 5



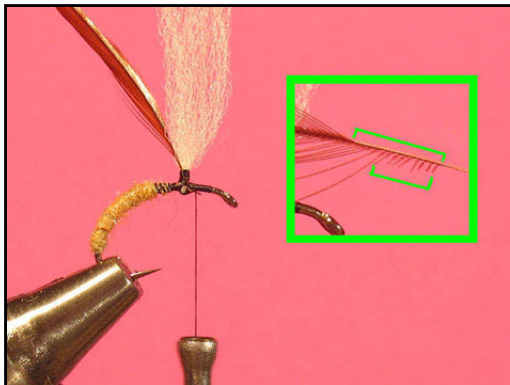
This is why you want a thread matching the dubbing. It's going to be dubbed quite sparsely. My black thread isn't invisible in there.

Step 6



Wrap the dubbing up to where the thorax is supposed to start.

Step 7



Prepare a tie-in point of the hackle by cleaning the side you want against the post and cutting down the barbs on the other. When it's tied in, these "stubs" will prevent it from slipping. Tie in the hackle feather and tie it down up along the post.

Step 8



Tie in 3-5 peacock herls at the back of the thorax area.

Step 9



Wrap the herls together with the thread and make your thorax. Tie the herls to the post and cut the waste.

Step 10



Make a few wraps up and down the post to give a good base for the hackle wrapping coming up. Leave the thread hanging in front of the wing and on the near side of the hook.

Step 11



Wrap the hackle clockwise down the post. Tie it to the post with a couple of clockwise thread wraps. A couple of thread wraps through the hackle will not hurt. Wiggle it up and down to avoid tying down too many hackle barbs.

Step 12



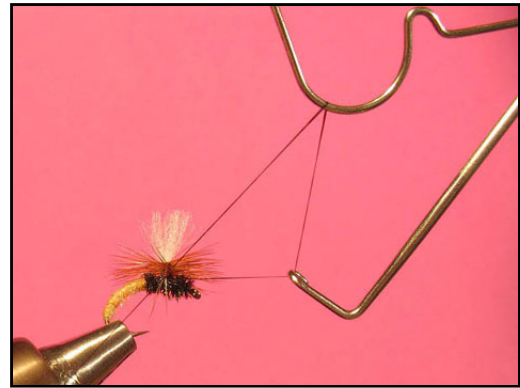
Cut the waste of the hackle feather.

Step 13



While you have the scissors in your hand, why not cut the wing to desired height too...

Step 14



Take out the bottle of head cement and open it. Then make a 2-turns whip-finish around the wing post... but do not finish off just yet.

Step 15



Slowly tighten the knot and just before you close the loop and completing the knot, apply a little head cement to the thread. Cut the thread and wipe off scissor tips, bodkin and the whipfinisher.

Done...



... and ready to be fished.