

MURPH'S MAYFLY CRIPPLE



Materials List:

Hook: TMC 100 (or your favorite dry fly hook) – sizes 12 to 22.

Tail: Microfibbets or dry fly hackle fibers from side of neck

Body: Brown yarn or brown dubbing (preferably synthetic so it doesn't absorb water)

Wing: Gray, white or tan Z-lon or Antron

Hackle: Brown dryfly hackle sized for the hook

Thread: 6-0 or 8-0 (140 denier or 70 denier) brown or dark brown

Tying Instructions:

1. Place hook in vise and gently bend the hook sideways, 30 to 45 degrees about 1/3 of the way back from the eye
2. Tie in hackle fibers (or microfibbets) for tail – make the tail about the same length as the hook shank
3. Dub a slender body (or wrap the yarn) from where the tail is tied in up to the bend in the hook
4. Tie in the Z-lon (or antron) on the inner part of the bend (leave long). Wing is only on one side of the body
5. Tie in hackle right in front of the Z-lon/Antron body
6. Take 1 wrap behind the wing and 2 wraps in front with the hackle
7. Tie off hackle and finish head with dubbing (or yarn)
8. Pull Z-lon/Antron to the rear of hook and trim even with the edge of hook
9. Trim hackle flat on the bottom so fly rides in the surface film
10. Whip finish cement the head.