



Usual Emerger

- Hook:** Standard Dry Fly Hook #10- #18
- Thread:** 6/0 to match rib color
- Tail:** Wood Duck Fibers
- Wing:** Snowshoe Rabbit Foot Fibers
- Body:** Dry Fly dubbing (to match natural)
- Rib:** Tying Thread

Tying Instructions

1. Place hook in the vice and attach the thread. Leave the thread end untrimmed and hanging off the back of the hook.
2. Tie in a clump of wood duck fibers at the bend of the hook. The tail should be about one hook shank length.
3. Cut a clump of snowshoe rabbit fur from the bottom of a rabbit foot. Clean the underfur out with a bodkin. Tie in the rabbit fur so that the tapered ends point forward over the hook eye. The tie in point should be about two hook eye widths back from the hook eye. The wing should extend about 1 1/2 hook gaps from the tie in point.
4. Bind the rabbit fur down firmly with several wraps of thread. then trim the butts of the fur on an angle so you can create a slim, tapered body.
5. Make a tapered body with the thread and then thinly dub over the body to a point just behind the wing.
6. Counter wrap the thread to form a rib. Tie off and trim the thread rib.
7. Dub in front of the wing to prop it up and form the thorax of the fly.
8. Tie off and trim thread and even up the wing if required.

1



Don't trim the thread at this step, it will be used for the rib on your fly. A wood duck tail makes an excellent "trailing shuck".

2



Rabbit foot makes an excellent material to float a fly. It is also inexpensive and easy to work with.

3



Tapering the wing butts makes for a slimmer more naturally profiled fly.

4



Bind down the trimmed rabbit hair butts with several wraps of thread to make a neatly tapered body.

5



Use just enough dubbing to cover the body. Most mayflies have a very slim profile.

6



The thread segmented body makes for a more attractive fly. Try this pattern in a variety of sizes and colors to match your local insects.

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The dubbing is used to prop up the wing and to create the thorax. Make sure you spread the wing for better floatation.



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