

Borcher's Special



Recipe

Hook:	Mustad #94840	Size: 8-16
Thread:	Black, 6/0	
Tail:	3 Pheasant Tail Fibers, tied slightly long.	
Body:	Mottled Brown Turkey Quill Fibers.	
Wing:	Light Blue Dun Hackle Tips, tied spent wing.	
Rib:	Crisscrossed thread.	
Hackle:	Brown & Grizzly, mixed.	

Tying Tips: Standard techniques are used. I prefer a #94833. I prefer to lacquer the body. Today's most popular version uses a tail of 3 moose mane hairs in place of the pheasant tail fibers. Some variations include a rib of fine gold wire. There is a parachute version (white post) that seems to be the most popular version to fish with today.

Fishing Tips: An excellent generalized dark pattern used for *Ephemerella*, *Isonychia*, *Leptophelebia* and *Siphonurus sp.*

Historical Note: This pattern was originally created by Ernie Borcher back in the 1940s Ernie Borcher was a fly tier and Au Sable River guide. The original was supposedly tied with condor tail feather fibers. His daughter however denies this and claims that Ernie always tied it with turkey.

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