

Brown Drake (clipped body)



Recipe

Hook: Hook: #94831 2XL Size: 4-6

Thread: Black, 6/0

Tail: Gray Goose Quill Fibers. Tied long and in a slight 'v'. Each of the two segments are made up of 3 fibers, each.

Wing: White Hackled tips, paired and tied spent.

Body: Brown Hackle Fibers, palmered the full length of the body (including, in front of the wings). The rear half is clipped and tapered.

Tying Tips: I've found it much easier to tie in the wings before I start palmering the hackle body.

Fishing Tips: Designed as a night fishing fly.

Historical Note: This fly was created by Clarence Roberts. He was a Michigan game warden from 1942 to 1971. He was tying flies commercially from 1949 until his retirement. This fly was originated around 1952. Clarence also tied this fly in gray --- "Gray Drake (clipped body)" --- it used Grizzly Hackle for the body and Grizzly Hackle Tips for the wings. Previously published articles on this fly have given some misinformation. Samples of these patterns, tied by Clarence, are on display at the DNR Conference Center, in Roscommon, Michigan.

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