

Jackson's Parachute Hopper



Recipe

- Hook: Mustad #9762 3XL Size: 10
Thread: Tan, 6/0
Tail: Mottled Turkey Fibers
Underbody: Deer Hair, tied parallel to the hook shank.
Overbody: Dull Yellow or Cream colored yarn.
Rib: Grizzly hackle, palmered and trimmed short.
Underwing: Red Flank Feathers, from a golden pheasant.
Overwing: Mottled Turkey, extended to the full length of the tail.
Hackle: Brown, tied parachute, clip the top of the post off.

Tying Tips: A difficult and time consuming fly to tie. Each individual tier will tie using a different sequence of events. Flexament the wings. The yarn should be wrapped under the tail to create the appearance of a small egg sac. When you tie in the underbody, pull the hairs to the post position and secure. Use lots of cement as you complete each stage.

Fishing Tips: According to the creator, the fly is best used in August when the body color of the hoppers is faded. It's an excellent floating fly.

Historical Note: This fly was created in 1978 by Bob Jackson of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Bob started tying flies in 1947. He taught fly tying part time at Kalamazoo College. He had a cottage on Arbutus Lake near Traverse City and he actually knew Len Halladay.

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