

# McClain's Drake

## Recipe



Hook: Mustad #94831 3XL Size: 8-10

Thread: Black, 6/0

Tail: Pheasant Tail Fibers, small clump

Body: Wool from a WWII Army sweater, naturally bleached from sun light tied with a loop, extended beyond the bend of the hook.

Post: Dry Fly Hackle Tips, 3-4, any color

Hackle: Brown & Grizzly, mixed, tied parachute.

*Tying Tips:* The recipe above is for the original. Today he used any dry fly hooks, 3X or 4X. The above fly uses olive hackle tips for the post and gray thread. The loop is not meant to be an eggs sac, just a method used to extend the length of the body. Jerry also says that it can be tied in any size. Popular colors for the post are, green, orange and purple. Today, the fly body material is substituted with "Lion Brand," Wool-Ease Chunky Yarn, Walnut #127.

*Fishing Tips:* This fly was designed to be used during any time there are dark insects on the water.

*Historical Note:* Jerry was born in 1927 and lives in Grayling, Michigan. He was a river guide his entire life. He still does some occasional tying. He admitted to me that the original material was an accident. He left the WWII Army sweater on the cloths line and the sun light bleached out the material. The original material was used up years ago. This fly was developed in the mid to late 1940's. Jerry could not remember the exact date.

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