

No Hackle



Recipe

Hook: Mustad #94840 or #94833 Sz: 6-14
Thread: 6/0 to match the body color
Tail: Deer Hair, 4 fibers angled both upright and horizontally.
Wing: Deer Hair, stacked, spun and clipped comparadun style.
Body: Dubbed with natural or synthetic, any color.

Tying Tips: Any dry fly hook can be used, and it can be tied in any size. The body can be tied in any color to match the hatches on the water. The original was most likely tied with a natural fur dubbing, but you can substitute most any synthetic. A hair or hackle fiber tail may also be used. The wing can also be hen hackle fibers as long as it is trimmed to the same style.

Fishing Tips: The profile of this fly sits in the film of the water. Fished any time there are duns on the water, just match color and size.

Historical Notes: This fly is more of a concept than a pattern. The original was developed by Doug Swisher and Carl Richards back in 1965-1966, on the Au Sable River, in Grayling, Michigan. The idea for the no hackle fly was then published in their book, entitled "*Selective Trout*," published in 1971. They originally call this fly the Henfiber or Hairwing No Hackle.

After the publishing of their book, no hackle flies enjoyed a short popularity which quickly died out because fishermen soon discovered that the flies were fragile and did not float very well. Years later the fly was 're-invented' and is now called the comparadun. The model used to tie this original pattern was taken from a photo that appears on Doug Swisher's web site.

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