

# Strawman (dry)

## Recipe



Hook: Mustad, dry fly, light wire  
Size: 10-14  
Thread: Brown, 6/0  
Tail: Mallard Flank, tied long  
Body: Natural Deer Hair (light colored),  
spun and clipped tall (1/2")  
Rib: Yellow Silk Floss

*Tying Tips:* This, the dry fly version was tied with small clumps of deer hair, leaving the clumps slightly spaced. The idea was to then run the floss ribbing through the spaces. It is identical to the Strawman Nymph except it was tied on a light wire hook and was clipped taller, 1/2". The original wet fly version was tied with no ribbing, a standard wet fly hook, a hackle of one turn of gray partridge and the body was tapered. Paul Young also created several variations of this pattern: white with silver ribbing, black with gold ribbing and brown with black ribbing.

*Fishing Tips:* According to Paul Young; "This has been fished dry with great success, particularly under overhanging branches and close up against cut banks."

*Historical Note:* Paul H. Young (1890-1960) was a famous rod builder and fly tyer from the Detroit, Michigan area. The Strawman Nymph, Strawman (wet) and Strawman (dry) were all created circa 1930s. He found that many people were having success fishing his Strawman Nymph as a dry fly so he decided to modify it into what became the Strawman (dry). He simply changed the hook to a light wire and trimmed the deer hair taller.

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