

Hornberg Special



Recipe

Hook:	3 x – 4 x streamer hook size 6 through 10
Thread:	Black 6/0
Body:	Silver tinsel
Under wing:	Yellow calftail or hackle fibers
Wing::	Mallard breast feathers
Hackle:	Grizzly & brown dry fly hackle

Tying Instructions:

Start your thread behind the eye of the hook and lay a thread base to the bend of the hook. Then return the thread to a point one quarter of the hook shank length behind the eye. Tie in a piece of mylar tinsel with the silver side against the hook. Place some head cement on the thread wraps on the shank. Wrap the tinsel in side by side wraps to the bend of the hook and then wrap back to the original tie in spot of the tinsel. Secure the tinsel with 3 or 4 tight wraps. Trim any excess tinsel. Tie in a small bunch of yellow calftail for the underwing. The underwing should extent to the bend of the hook. Now select 2 mallard breast feathers. Place them concave sides facing each other. Even the tips of the feathers. Strip the fuzzy fibers from the butt of the feather until the feathers extend well past the underwing when held against the hook. Tie them in one at a time, on each side of the hook. The top of the feathers should touch and if there is a gap, it should be on the bottom of the feathers.

Now select 2 dry fly hackles, one grizzly and one brown. Tie them in together with the shiny sides facing you. Tie them in on bare stems with 3 tight wraps. Secure the butts as you wrap towards the eye. Cut off any excess stem. Grab one of the feathers and “cock” it over the eye of the hook and then wrap the feather 3 or 4 times and tie it off. You do not have to trim the excess at this point. Now grab the other feather and “cock” it over the eye and wrap 3 or 4 times. The stem of the second feather should fall between the stem wraps of the first hackle. Secure this feather with 3 tight wraps. Trim the excess feathers and wrap a small head. Use 3 or 4 half hitches or a whip finish to finish the head. Clip the thread and place a small amount of head cement on the thread head.