

Stacking Deer Hair

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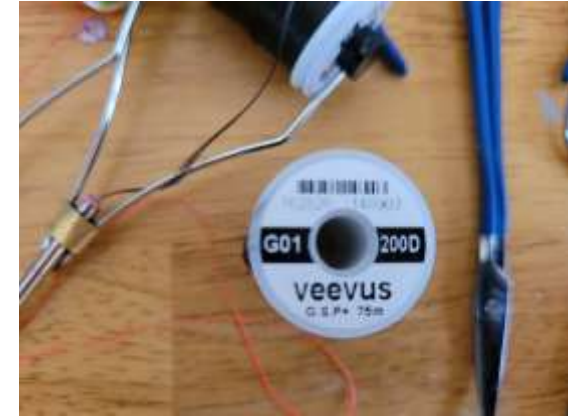


Materials and Tools



Deer belly hair

Hair Packer
Razor
Scissors
Half Hitch Tool
Bodkin



GSP (Gel Spun Polyethylene Thread)



Glue, Cement, CA Accelerator

Initial Stage – Preparing Hook



Hook Size: 2/0 Hint: using a heavier hook such as Ahrex TP6010 will not only resist bending, but will also help counterbalance fly in water.

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After coating hook shank in CA glue, spray Zip Kicker into a cut off bottle and hold over hook to allow fumes to activate glue.

This will create a glass like coating which will provide a solid foundation to build onto.

The bump of thread is required to stop the hair from sliding back too far on hook.

Stacking Hair – First Column



- Cut hair close to hide
- Remove underfur with fingers or comb
- Total sum of hair on top of hook should roughly equal the hair on bottom
- Wrap two to three times loosely, then pinch and pull thread

Stacking Hair First Column



- Keep tips on all bundles added to first column- they will become part of collar
- First stack added to bottom of hook for all columns (approximately 3 pencils thick)
- When wrapping thread, always follow the same path
- Keep tension thread at all times when winding

Stacking Hair – First Column



Use your scissors to create a space for the next bundle

Stacking Hair- First Column



Stacking Hair – First Column



Compressing both stacks

Tying off

Adding cement



Stacking Hair – Rubber Legs



Compress Stacks

Add rubber Legs (optional)

Stacking Hair – Rubber Legs



Compress Stacks and Rubber Legs

Advance thread

Stacking Hair – Second Column



Repeat stacking process following same pattern, beginning with hair to bottom of hook.

Stacking Hair – Second Column



Repeat stacking process
to add highlight colors



Stacking Hair – Second Column



**Pack hair and add glue.
Ready to start third and
final column now.**

Stacking Hair – Securing Stacks



Tying off and cementing stacks

Stacking Hair – Final Column



**Advance thread
Add final color stacks
in same pattern
Compress and tie off**

Stacking Hair – Ready for Haircut



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Hint: Steam to soften hair for cutting

Stacking Hair – Trimming

Trim hair around eye of hook first
Shape belly of fly with razor



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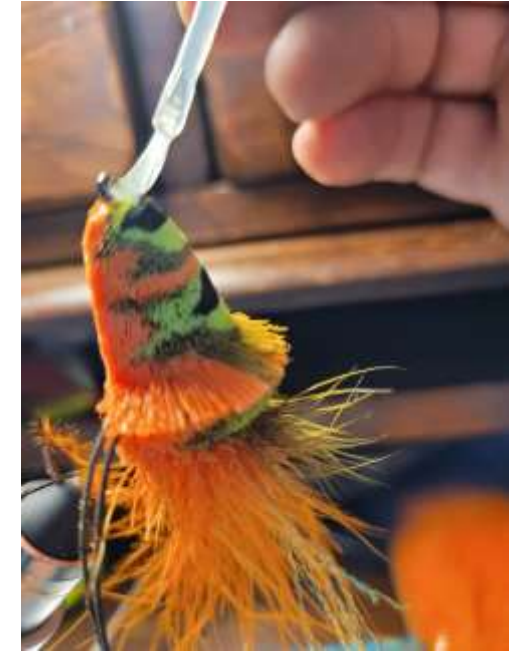
Shape body of fly with razor

Rough shape at first, then refine

Use sharp blade, replace as needed

Stacking Hair – Sealing the Fly

Coat bottom, tip of nose, and collar with cement



Ready to Cast



Eyes are optional