

Herter's Bastard Midge

A great dry fly midge pattern. Tie up a few in both red and black.



Materials:

Hook: TMC 320 or equivalent Size 18-20

Thread: Red 12/0

Tail: Wood Duck

Body: Thread color

Carapace: Bleached elk or deer hair

Hackle: Grizzly

Tying Instructions:

1. Mount the hook in the vise.
2. Start the thread about two eyes lengths behind the eye or about 1/3 down the length of the hook shank. Lay a base of thread down the shank to above the barb.
3. Tie in several pieces of wood duck to represent a trailing schuck. Bring the thread back to an eyes length behind the eye.
4. Select 8-10 pieces of bleached deer or elk hair and stack it to even the tips. Tie in the hair so that about a shank length extends past the eye to represent the antenna. Wrap over the hair back to the rear of the fly. Bring the thread back to the original starting point.
5. Fold the hair forward over the body and tie off at the original starting point. Be sure that the body of the fly is visible. (Humpty style).
6. Select a grizzly hackle sized to the hook. Tie it in at the original starting point and bring the thread forward behind the eye. Wrap the hackle forward and tie off. Clip the excess hackle.
7. Lift the hair that extends past the eye and make several wraps of thread in front of the hair. This should lift the hair and make the antenna raise slightly.
8. Clip the thread and apply (optional) head cement.

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