

AMERICAN MARCH BROWN DRY



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 6-14

Thread...Brown or tan 6/0

Wing.....Lemon wood duck fibers

Tail.....Dark ginger fibers

Rib.....Gold oval tinsel

Body.....Brown or tan rabbit dubbing

Hackle...Dark ginger or brown

Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in thread about $\frac{1}{4}$ hook shank behind hook eye and form thread base for wings. Let thread hang $\frac{1}{4}$ hook shank behind eye.
2. Select a wood duck feather and remove the fluff. Preen the barbs from the tip back toward the butt to align the barbs tips. Once the barbs tips are aligned, grasp a section and cut them from the stem to create a sizeable bunch (50-60 barbs). You may have to cut several bunches to get enough barbs. **Be sure to align the tips**, then gather them together into one bundle and take them in your fingertips and roll them softly to further consolidate the bundle. Now place the bundle on top of the hook shank with the tips pointing out over the hook eye and, using a pinch loop, tie them in on top of the hook shank. **(The wing should equal the length of the hook shank from the front tip of the eye to midbend.)** Bind down the butt ends to the middle of the hook shank. Trim the excess butts and return the thread to the wing tie-in point.
3. Carefully lift the bundle and make several tight thread wraps against the front edge of the bundle to make it stand upright. Now divide the wing bundle into two equal bunches using a bodkin and then pass the thread between them from front to back, crossing over the hook shank, then bring thread around underside of hook and pass forward between wings in a figure-eight pattern. Make a second figure eight. **If the wings are not sufficiently divided**, make ONE complete

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turn of thread around base of far wing bunch. Pass thread under hook shank and make ONE complete turn of thread around near wing bunch. **(Be careful to not apply to much tension as this will flatten the wings.)** Now make several turns around hook shank behind wings and wrap thread to hook bend.

4. Take several dark ginger hackle fibers (10-12), align their ends and tie them in on top of the hook shank at the hook bend as a tail. Wrap thread tightly over the butts to the end of the wing butts forming a slightly tapered body. Trim off excess hackle fiber butts. **(Tail should equal the length of the hook shank.)** Wrap thread back to hook bend.
5. Tie-in a 3-4" length of gold oval tinsel at the hook bend and return the thread to over the hook bend.
6. Apply small amount of dubbing to thread and wrap dubbed thread forward to about a hook eye length behind the wing, forming a tapered body.
7. Now wrap the tinsel rib forward in 5-6 equally spaced turns and tie off. Trim off the excess rib.
8. Select one appropriately sized dark ginger or brown hackle feather and trim the fluff from the base. Tie-in the hackle feather at the end of the body with the dull side facing you and the tip pointing back toward the hook bend. Make several turns of thread to secure the hackle, trim the butt end, then wrap the thread forward to one hook eye length behind hook eye.
9. Grasp the tip of the hackle feather with hackle pliers and wrap forward, making 2-3 turns behind the wings and 3-4 turns in front of the wings. Tie off the hackle and trim excess.
10. Form a thread head, whip finish, and apply head cement.

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