MARCH BROWN EMERGER



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph/Scud, size 10 -14

Thread......Black 6/0 or 8/0

Tail......Deer hair
Body.....Peacock herl
Wing......Deer hair
Hackle.....Brown cock
Head.....Thread

- Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye, flatten the thread, then wrap it back in touching turns to over the barb making a good thread base. Twist the thread tight and let it hang.
- 2. Select a few deer hairs, stack them to even the points, and tie them in as a tail. (Avoid flaring the deer hair by making the first couple of thread wraps slightly loose and then tightening the thread wraps as you wrap forward. Be sure to hold the tail in place until you have made several wraps to avoid having them slide around the hook shank.) Wrap forward over the tail butts covering the rear 2/3s of the hook shank. Trim off the excess hair butts and return the thread to the tail tie-in point
- 3. Tie-in 2-3 strands of peacock herl. Wrap the herl loosely around the thread to form a herl rope. Wrap this herl rope forward in touching turns to cover the rear 2/3's of the hook shank. Tie off the herl rope and remove any excess herl.
- 4. Cut a bunch of deer hair slightly larger in diameter than the hook eye. (You can check this by twisting the hair together loosely and comparing it to the hook eye.) Stack the hair to align the tips. With the tips pointing back toward the hook bend, tie the hair in as a wing on top of the hook shank at the front of the herl body. (To control flaring of the hair, make the first wrap around the hair without too much tension, then gradually increase the tension for the next 4-5 wraps.

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Do not release the hair until you have finished the thread wraps.) Trim off the excess hair butts at an angle toward the hook eye. Flatten the thread and wrap over the hair butts to form a smooth base for the hackle. Wrap the thread back to the front of the wing.

- 5. Select a suitably sized hackle feather, strip off the fluff, and tie it in by the base at the front of the wing. Clip off any excess hackle butt. Wrap the hackle forward in 3-4 turns toward the hook eye. Tie off the hackle behind the hook eye and trim off any excess.
- 6. Form a small thread head, whipfinish, cut the thread, and apply head cement if desired.