

CANDLEWOOD VALLEY CHAPTER T.U. – FLY-TYING CLASS

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Ed McQuat Brown Thing (EMBT) Or Brown Thing



MATERIALS:

- Gold or Light Tan Poly wing material (ideally Ginger “Poly-X”) - should be fairly stiff
- Dark Tan dubbing (ideally Fly-Rite #20)
- Brown (Rhode Island Red) or Grizzly-dyed-Brown cock hackle
- Brown Micro-Fibbets
- Hook #16 or #14: Mustad 94831 (2x fine, 2x long) or Fly Shack Saber #7211

DIRECTIONS

1. Tie in slightly behind normal wing position.
2. Tie in poly wing material parallel to hook shank, leaving the portion for the wing extending over hook eye, remove excess to rear of wings.
3. Pull poly to upright position, then secure in that position with winds at base of front of wing.
4. Now, while holding the wing upright, take numerous winds around the base of the wing to a height of about thrice the thickness of the base of a hackle stem to form the base for the hackle.
5. Tie in cock hackle, by the butt, on top of hook at the base of the wing with dull/concave side down and the tip of the feather facing to the bend of the hook, then pull the hackle up parallel to the wing and bind it in place to the base of the post.
6. Wind to tail position.
7. Tie in about 4-6 Micro-Fibbets to form tail.
8. Dub sparse, tapered body, gradually thickening up to and under wing, then thinning towards the eye. Let the thread hang by the eye.
10. Wind hackle around the base of the wing so that it is perpendicular to the wing - not the hook shank like a conventional dry fly. Start winding the hackle at the top of the thread forming the base and gradually wind down to the body. Secure the hackle to the hook just behind the eye and cut off excess.
11. Wind head, half hitch, whip finish and cement head.