



“Ned Long’s Hedge Hog”

May 2009 Fly of the Month

Tied and photographed
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MATERIALS

HOOK: #14 TMC100BL

THREAD: Black 6/0

POST: Olive Superfloss

HACKLE: Grizzly dry fly saddle hackle (cape feathers too short).

Ned Long was a Northern California fly tier best known for his "pullover" style of flies. The 1996 winner of the FFF Buz Buszek tying award, Ned was an innovative tier whose patterns you will not find in the fly shops, but if you take the time to learn how they are tied, they will produce. For more on this style of tying, take a look at Ian Moutter's "Typing Flies the Paraloop Way."

The Hedge Hog is a Griffith's Gnat variant in the sense that the materials are the same and it is meant to imitate a midge cluster. But the pullover hackle floats the fly better and is much more durable fly, with the added advantage of riding in the film, characteristic of all pullover style flies.

Tying Instructions

1. **(Photo 1)** Start thread on hook, tie in doubled strands of Superfloss, and lay a thread base all the way to the bend. Stretch Superfloss while tying down to minimize bulk. Tie in grizzly hackle at bend.

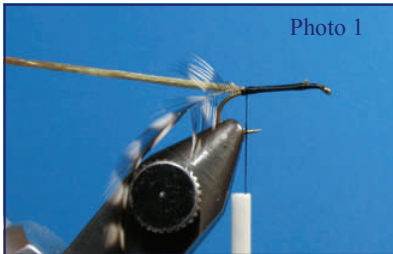


Photo 1

4. **(Photo 4)** Trap the doubled Superfloss in three loose wraps of thread behind the eye, and gently pull the strands forward, distributing the hackle on the top of the hook. It helps if you stroke the feathers back as you pull the strands forward.

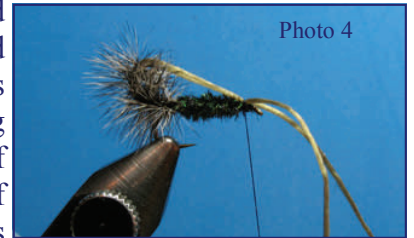


Photo 4

2. **(Photo 2)** Stretch Superfloss tightly perpendicular from the hook (Ned used a gallows tool). Wrap hackle up around post a distance equal to the length of the shank of the hook and then back down again. Use a lot of wraps (one saddle hackle will tie maybe 2 flies).

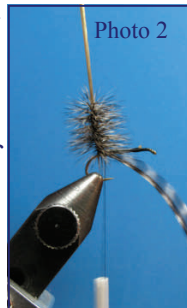


Photo 2

5. **(Photo 5)** Add some tighter wraps to secure the Superfloss and then double it back towards the bend and add a few more wraps to secure. A bit of head cement will make sure the floss does not come undone. Whip finish and cut off the remaining floss.



Photo 5

3. **(Photo 3)** Tie off hackle at hook. You can now release the hackle and push it out of your way. Tie in 3-5 strands of peacock herl, place in a dubbing loop, and palmer around the hook tying off behind the hook eye.



Photo 3



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