



“John Wilson’s Trout Crack Variant”

Tied and photographed
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MATERIALS

HOOK: #14—#20 Scud Hook.

THREAD: UTC .006 Monofil—Clear

BODY: Hare’s Ear Dubbing

SHELLBACK: UTC Vinyl Rib—Amber, tan, or-brown

RIB: UTC .006 Monofil—Clear

John Wilson is a well known and successful guide in northern Arkansas. He specializes in large trout and small flies, and his *trout crack* is one of the patterns he invented for that purpose. The trout crack is best tied in sizes #14 - #20 and used with 6x or smaller tippet.

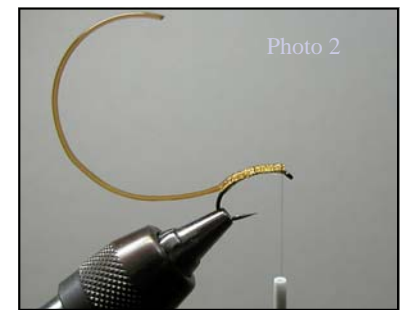
Tying with monofilament thread can be a real challenge because it doesn’t want to hold on the hook shank like normal thread. Mono thread tends to slip if not secured right. Be sure you secure the tag with a lot of thread wraps. You can add a small amount of head cement to help secure the mono thread to the shank.

Tying Instructions

1. **(Photo 1)** Tie in the mono thread and wrap back beyond the bend of the hook and then back to the eye.



2. **(Photo 2)** Tie in the vinyl rib and wrap it back to the bend. .



3. **(Photo 3)** Dub with the hares ear back to behind the eye and fold the vinyl rib forward. Do not make the body too bulky, sparse is better.



4. **(Photo 4)** Using the thread, start segmenting the body back to the eye. Make sure you space the segments evenly. Whip finish and apply head cement.



You’re done!

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