

The Klinkhamer Special

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Steps tied by Don Lieb

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The Danish fly tier, Hans Van Klinken, created this pattern to fish for grayling on the Glomma river of Norway. This fly was developed to be suspended in the surface film as a representation of various emerging insects such as mayflies, caddis, and midges, and may be tied in various sizes depending on the species. These flies have become very popular in both Europe and America.

Materials

Hook: Tiemco 2487, Partridge 15BN *Klinkhammer*
Thread: 8/0 Gray or Tan
Body: Gray Muskrat
Thorax: Peacock Herl
Wing post: White Poly-yarn
Hackle: Blue Dun (one size larger than normal)

Tying Sequence

1. Attach the thread behind the eye of the hook. Spiral the thread $\frac{1}{2}$ around the bend of the hook and back to the wing position, approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ shank length behind the eye. Tie in an over-length section of white poly-yarn for the wing post.

2. Prepare the wing post by wrapping several turns of thread around its base as you attach the hackle.

3. Spiral the thread back to $\frac{1}{2}$ the way around the bend of the hook. Dub a tapered body just short of the wing post.

4. Attach one to two strands of peacock herl, depending on the size of the fly. Wrap a few turns in back and in front of the post.

Finish. Work three to six turns of hackle down the post. Tie off and trim the hackle, then whip finish and cement.

