



Parachute Adams

Hook: Standard dry fly hook - Mustad R50/94840 or similar

Thread: Gray 6/0 or 8/0

Tail: Grizzly and brown hackle fibers mixed, or just grizzly

Body: Muskrat fur dubbing, or medium gray synthetic dubbing

Wing/Wing Post: White poly wing material or white calf tail

Hackle: 3-4 winds each of grizzly and brown hackle

Tying Steps:

1. Start to make the wing post by tying in a sparse length of poly wing material to the top of the hook about 1/3 of the way back from the eye.
2. Pull the wing post material from either side of the tie-in point upwards, making a single clump. Wrap the tying thread around the base of the clump, above the tie-in point, 10-20 times so that you have a stiff wing post that's a little shorter than the gape of the hook. Put a teeny-tiny drop of super glue on the post to further stiffen it.
3. Tie in a tail consisting of a mixture of stiff grizzly and brown hackle fibers, or just grizzly fibers. Cock the tail slightly upwards with a wind or two of thread behind the tail.
4. Dub a tight thin body of muskrat fur, both behind and ahead of the wing post. Finish with the thread just behind the wing post.
5. Remove the hook from the vise and replace it with the hook at a 90-degree angle and the post on the horizontal. Tie in a grizzly hackle and a brown hackle. The hackles should be sized so that the hackles of the finished fly reach back to about the rear of the bend of the hook. Do a whip finish around the base of the wing post where it meets the hook.
6. Replace the hook in the vise with the fly body in the horizontal. Trim the wing to the desired length. Trim any errant fibers, and carefully apply a tiny drop of head cement where wing post and hackles meet the body. Done!