

# Fly of the Month

## PMD Hackle Stacker

*by Bob Pearcy*

### Recipe

Hook: TMC100 or equivalent  
Thread Unithread Light Cahill, 8/0  
Tail: Pale yellow microfibbets  
abdomen: Turkey biot dyed pale yellow  
Thorax: PMD superfine dubbing  
Hackle: Cream or light blue dun  
Loop 6x monofilament



The Hackle Stacker is a pattern, or actually a tying style, developed by the late, innovative fly tyer, Bob Quigley. It is shown here as a PMD dun imitation but the style is adaptable to a range of mayfly species by varying the colors and size. The innovative aspect of this pattern is how the hackle is wound on a loop of monofilament, which is then pulled over the thorax, stacking the hackle on top. This gives a fly where the body floats on the water surface with a realistic shape and with hackle barbs that would normally extend downward splayed out to the side. It is a good floater that presents a realistic profile to a fish. The lower photo shows the hackle wound on the just barely visible monofilament loop.



The Hackle Stacker is tied by first laying a thread base on the hook shank and then adding a tail of either microfibbets or hackle barbs. Two on each side are sufficient. The abdomen is a turkey biot wrapped to give a segmented look. A dubbed abdomen can be substituted. Then a loop of 6x monofilament and a suitably sized hackle are tied in at about the one-third the length of the hook shank back from the eye. Dub a thorax with superfine dubbing in front of the mono loop. The abdomen should form a distinct ball. Now wrap the hackle up and down the mono loop so when the loop is pulled forward the hackle "stacks" on top of the thorax. Finally, tie off the hackle and then the loop behind the hook eye and whip finish.