

Charlie's Dark Hendrickson Emerger:

This fly was an adaptation of mine to provide an emerger pattern to use during the early spring Dark Hendrickson hatch in SE Minnesota streams. It has been an excellent producer and easy to tie.

Hook: #14 or 16 fine wire scud hook

Thread: #70 tan thread

Abdomen: 4-5 pheasant tail fibers

Thorax: Brown Dubbing

Post: White Para Post

Hackle: Blue Dun

- Begin by placing debarbed hook in to the vise
- Wrap thread back to where the hook begins its bend
- Attach 4-5 pheasant tail feather fibers, leaving the pointed ends extending out as a tail.
- Coat the thread wraps with fly cement and wrap the fibers to a point 1/3 back from hook eye and tie off
- Cut a 3/4 inch piece of para post and holding the thread in the air above the hook, bend the post material around the thread and anchor to the hook with 3-4 wraps and then wind thread around the post up 1/8 inch and back to hook. Figure eight the thread around the base.
- Attach an appropriate size hackle behind the post after stripping the barbs a short distance on one side and wrap around post three to four times. Tie off in front of post.
- Apply cement to head of fly and into the post to anchor hackle.

Fish this fly after applying floatant to post and hackle. The cement on the hook thread will help protect the feather fibers.