

Light Hendrickson Parachute:

Hook: Tiemco 101 fine Dry-Fly, sizes 12 & 14

Thread: Tan, Ultra 70

Abdomen: Tan dubbing or Hendrickson Pink Dubbing

Thorax: Same as abdomen

Tail: Light Dun Hackle Fibers

Wing: White Para Post

Hackle: Light Dun

This is an important hatch in SE Minnesota, occurring in mid to late may and continuing into early June. The fish come up all over and the chances of catching a good size trout increase during this time. This fly, coupled with the Lt. Hendrickson Cripple and Emerger will give you everything you need to be successful.

Begin by putting your hook into the vise and starting the thread wraps just behind the eye. Continue to the bend of the hook. Strip a small clump of light dun hackle fibers from a feather and tie in at the bend to form a tail. It helps to first form a clump by wrapping the thread multiple times, which will enable the fibers to spread out in a more natural manner.

Dub your thread and wrap a tight body, starting out small and getting larger as you approach the point where the thorax enters. Stop at a point when you reach a point 2/3 of the hook shank. Take a 1 inch piece of para post and bend it around the tying thread. Tie this in at a point just ahead of the point at which you stopped with the abdomen . Wrap the post up to a point where you anticipate the thread wrap to stop. Then wrap back to the hook shank. Now tie in the hackle feather, once done, dub more of the thread and wrap a thorax, using figure eights for balance. Once at the hook eye let your thread hang and go back and use the hackle fiber to wrap 3-4 wraps, starting at the top of the thread. Once complete, tie off the hackle and trim as expected. Cement the head of the fly.