

Quigley's Hackle Stacker



Class:	Mayfly Dun
Matches:	Blue Wing Olive (Baetis) Mayfly Duns
Originator:	Bob Quigley
Source:	Check Online Fly Retailers

Clay's Notes

The Quigley Hackle Stacker is another great pattern devised by the master Bob Quigley. Bob was a genius in observation and in his fly tying ability in the design of his "Stacker" style flies. The stacker style of hackle tying was developed by Bob Quigley in 1988 on the Fall River of California. Bob was faced with the problems of all spring creek fisherman, picky fish and crystal clear water. Bob wanted a fly that would land lightly on the water, have a true mayfly silhouette and remain visible to the angler. Hence, the Hackle Stacker and Sparkle Stacker were born. The key to this fly is the revolutionary way that Bob applied the hackle to the fly. Up to this point hackle was either palmered around the shank of the hook or around a parachute to create floatability. Bob observed that Chauncey Lively used a "Pullover" design to tie his spinners. Chauncey's technique compacts and positions the barbules by parachuting them around a monofilament loop to imitate spinner wings that protrude from the sides of the thorax. Bob's technique parachutes the entire hackle up the monofilament stacker loop and then pulls the entire loop over the thorax. This encases the top half of the thorax, and creates a stacked dome of hackle barbules on top of the fly. The stacked hackle imitates a mayfly wing silhouette of an upright or spent spinner or and upright or fluttering dun. No one can go wrong having an assortment of sizes and the Hackle Stacker and Sparkle Stacker flies.

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