

LIGHT HENDRICKSON CRIPPLE

Hook: Mustad 94840 Size 16-14

Thread: Tan 70 denier

Shuck: May fly brown

Abdomen: 4-5 Pheasant tail fibers

Thorax: Henderson Pink Super Fine dubbing, twice as thick as the abdomen

Wing: White Para Post

Hackle: Light blue dun

This and all the cripple patterns are an out growth of a pattern created by Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone and have been very effective here in SE Minnesota.

Begin by placing the hook in the vice. Next, begin wrapping the thread from just behind the hook eye, back to where the hook begins to bend. Tie in the shuck material, leaving it one half the length of the hook shank. Trim the excess. Tie in the pheasant tail fibers, spread glue on the thread wraps covering the hook and wind the fibers two thirds of the way to the eye and tie off. Dub the tying thread and wrap a thorax twice the thickness of the abdomen. Next, tie in the wing with the upper portion extending out beyond the hook eye. Wrap the middle and several times in front of the wing to stand it up. Tie in your hackle and wrap 2-3 turns in the middle of the wing and one in front. Tie off the hackle and add 2-3 half hitches. Apply head cement.

This fly comes into it's own after the hatch has been running for a while and the emerger begins to be less effective. Keep a good supple of both on hand and you will be prepared. Apply floutant on the wing and hackle, allowing the rear section to go with out.