

Royal Wulff Cripple:

Hook: Tiemco 100, Size: 12, 14, 16

Thread: Black Ultra 70

Shuck: May Fly brown

Body: Peacock Herl and Red Floss

Wing: White Poly or Para Post

Thorax: Black Dubbing, Light

Hackle: Brown

Begin by crushing the barb on the hook, or use barbless. Start your thread wraps just behind the hook eye, continuing to the bend of the hook. Tie in 2-3 pieces of herl and the red floss. Wrap the floss to hood mid point. Now wrap the peacock herl 1/3 of the distance up the hook shank and tie off. Wrap the middle third with red floss and tie off. Now tie in another 2-3 pieces of herl and wrap the third section, stopping two eye widths back. Cut a piece of white para post and tie it in so it extends out over the eye of the hook and continue to wrap thread in front of the wing to stand it up, allowing it to continue be at a slant over the eye. Trim the wing butt, leaving a stub.

Next, tie in you hackle, dub the thread lightly and wrap a compact thorax between the upright wing the the wing stub. Take your hackle and complete two wraps behind the wing and one in front. Tie off and cement the head.

This is a good searching fly and is particularly useful out west, though it will work well enough here in the Midwest as well.