

Trout Camp Pheasant Tail Parachute:

Hook: Standard Dry Fly: 16, 18

Thread: Tan, Ultra 70

Tail: 3-4 pheasant tail fibers, also used for body or for a variation,  
use may fly brown Zelon in shuck fashion.

Body: 3-4 pheasant tail fibers from a center tail feather for #16, 2 fibers for #18

Thorax: Peacock Herl, 2-3 strands, depending on quality and hook size

Wing: White Para Post or florescent Orange for visibility

Hackle: Grizzly

If you are not using barbless hooks, crush the barb and place the hook in your vise. Begin wrapping your thread just behind the eye of the hook and continue until you reach the hook bend. Using 3-4 pheasant tail fibers (determined by hook size) tie them in at the bend of the hook, allowing the tips to stick out beyond the hook to a point  $\frac{1}{2}$  the length of the hook shank to form a tail. Now, coat the thread wraps with cement and wrap the fibers forward to a point  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the hook shank and tie off. Trim the excess. (If you want a rib to protect the fibers you can use the tail of the thread, fine copper wire or a single strand of crystal flash; though the glue will hold it secure for a number of fish.)

Now, take a short section of para post and holding the thread up above the hook, bend it around the thread and lower to the hook shank at the point where the body ends. Wrap the thread 3-4 times and then hold the post together and wrap the thread around the base of the post and up a point to where you will begin the hackle wraps. Wrap the thread back to the base and figure eight around the post to stabilize it. If you wish you may put a drop of glue at the base for greater strength.

Next, tie in your hackle and follow this with the peacock herl. Wrap the herl in back and front of the post to create a thorax and tie off. Now wrap the hackle around the post using 3-4 wraps, starting at the top of the thread wraps on the post and working back to the base. Tie off and cement the knot.

This is an attractor, using several materials that trout just seem to love. Use it when there is no obvious indication of a hatch. A similar format uses the cripple concept (see Trout Camp Cripple).