



**April 2022**  
**FLY OF THE MONTH**  
**"Klinkhammer Special"**



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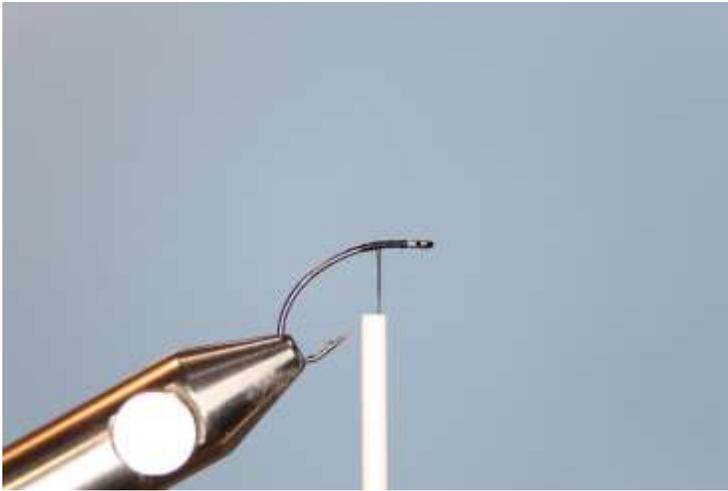
Hans Van Klinken created this fly to imitate an emerging caddis fly with the body sitting below the surface while the parachute hackle floated the fly in the surface film. The hook is a curved hook but the thorax area of the hook is flattened out to give it the appearance of floating on the surface film as it is escaping from its nymphal shuck. This fly has saved the day many times on the water when nothing was hatching or using it as an indicator for a dry fly/dropper set up.

You can also use poly yarn for the wing, but I like the CDC feather as the wing post. Give more of a challenge when tying a parachute hackle around the wing.

**Tying Video** <https://youtu.be/weM4lVooCLM>

**Materials**

Hook: Klinkhammer Size 12  
Thread: Black 6/0  
Body: Tan dubbing  
Thorax: Peacock Herl  
Wing: 2 Gray CDC Feathers  
Hackle: Dun hackle tied Parachute style



1. Place hook in your vise



2. Take 2 CDC Dun Colored feathers. Align the tips. Measure them about half the hook shank length.



3. Secure the wing at the mid point of the flat part of the shank.



4. Lift the wing up and wrap in front of the wing so it stands up. This is called a Jam Knot or thread dam in front of the wing



5. Take a dozen wraps around the base of the wing. This will help make a sturdy wing post to wrap you hackle around.



6. Size a dry fly hackle. Size 12 hook, I am using a hackle for a size 12 hook. Secure the hackle of the far side of the post. I will be wrapping the hackle towards me when I go around the post. I am securing the hackle to the wing post when done



7. Lift the hackle up along the wing post and secure the hackle to the wing post. Take a half dozen wraps around the hackle and wing post.



8. Bring your thread to the bend of the hook. Your thread will be at 30 degree angle at the point of the hook.



9. Start dubbing the body. Taper as you get to the flat section of the hook called the thorax



10. Finish the dubbing at the flat or straight section of the hook.



11. Take 2 or 3 strands of peacock herl and secure them on the straight section of the hook



12. Twist the peacock herl to form a rope



13. Wrap the thorax with the peacock herl to the eye of the hook



14. Wrap the peacock herl back to behind the wing.



15. Tie off the peacock herl to the wing post.



16. Cut the peacock herl leftover. Keep the thread in front of the wing.



17. Wrap the hackle around the wing post. Wrapping towards you when you go around the post.



18. Wrap your thread at the bottom of the wing post catching the hackle and securing it to the wing post.



19. With the tips of your scissors cut the hackle off..



20. Whipfinish. Whipfinish under the hackles to the wing post..



21. With the blade of your scissor cut the thread. You can put a drop of head cement at the top base of the wing post where the hackles are wrapped.



22. Klinkhammer Special completed

This can be tied in various colors and sizes. Change the wing to an orange color to see it on the water.

Editors Notes: Comments from the editor.

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