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Re: Necks and Saddles

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NotLong4PA wrote:

I've been tying for a little while and i bought one of the metz three packs, just to get me started. Don't really have many feathers left is the sizes i need. Just trying to figure out what the difference between the hen and rooster, and necks and saddles is. Like which is for dries vs. wets, and where i'd find the smaller feather for 18's and smaller. Not buying right now, just startin work for this season tmrw. Just tryin to get all my ducks in a row so i know what to look for when i get the funds together.

Good questions. I'm thinking I should break this up a little bit. First an anatomy lesson. I'm not trying to be insulting, but a lot of people don't really know where the supplies come from other than their Orvis shop or a craft shop.

Necks of course are from the neck area of the chicken. The neck is actually skinned clear up to the comb and stretched out flat and dried and treated.

The saddle is from the back of the rooster. Pretty much just ahead of the tail.

If you buy a cape, it is pretty much the entire rooster skin (with feathers of course).

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Hackles for very small dry flies

Hackles for larger dry flies

saddle