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Kill3ducks1deer wrote:

My question is, what type of hackle do you use for wooly bugger on a size 6 or 8 hook? I have strung hackle and well it doesn't quite get the job done. It isn't long enough and some of it is pretty crappy. So is there a certain type you use, or am I just doing it wrong?

Ducks,

As others have pointed out, longer saddle hackles will work better. The hackle feathers you get in the strung packs are often fairly short. For a WB that has a shank about 1.5" long, however, you shouldn't need a very long hackle feather. How closely together are you winding the hackle? You might make your winds a bit further apart and this will allow you to use a shorter hackle.

However, generally speaking, for typical sized WBs you will probably get the best results with a saddle hackle that is at least 4" long (not including the fluff at the base of the feather).