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Hackle from a #2 Metz rooster neck should be fine. A Metz # 2 rooster saddle will not be as good but still can tie decent dry flies # 14 and larger. If not sure if you have a neck or a saddle, look at photos online for any major brand neck and saddle-- the difference will be readily apparent. If we are talking about a hen neck or saddle, all bets are off at least as far as a Catskill style dry is concerned.

Some stems on some necks or saddles are simply thicker than preferable. It happens. Grizzly is like that more than most. That can make wrapping cumbersome. Some hackles have a wicked twist to them and are likewise a pain.

Before WBranch generously offered to send you hackles, I was going to suggest you try # 12 or larger for your first attempts at Catskill style. Sizing is a matter of draping and rolling a few hackles over the hook before you tie on the thread and look for barbs that are 1.5 X the hook gap. No need to pluck these from the cape to do this sizing.

[Talleur Ties Wulff Style](#)

Video posted in a previous thread on Wulff winging though he ties the entire fly and provides excellent rationale for what he does with materials. Youtube is good for HQ video on quick and dirty ties, but the educational aspects are generally lacking simply because most of the tyers are not pros. After watching Talleur, look up Dave Brandt tying the BG dun on Youtube. His approach is acutally cleaner but the wing technique is not shown well.