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Re: Hen hackle on Spider Patterns

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lv2nymph wrote:

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troutbert wrote:

You can buy hen necks that have very small hackles.

This is what I was going to suggest, and they're not that expensive.

Very true, but these alternate methods are a good way to use up the oversized feathers on a cape. They also allow you to use the nice mottled hen saddle feathers for smaller flies.

If you get away from chicken feathers, you almost have to do one of these methods eventually. Not many small feathers on a partridge skin for example. And the ones that are there are usually painfully short and fragile.