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> troutbert wrote:
> I use variants (wingless dries) quite a bit on the mountain freestone streams. They are easy to tie and catch fish. So they are good options when you are about to head out fishing and just need to crank out a few dries before you go.
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> I usually do not tie the hackle over-sized, very much, if at all.
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> Mostly I tie just 2 variants, a brown one and a yellow one.
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> Brown variant
> Hackle and tails: grizzly and ginger (brown)
> Body: tan, brown, Hares ear dubbing
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> Yellow variant
> Hackle and tails: grizzly and light ginger
> Body: Yellow dubbing.
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> Use the brownish one from early season to mid-season, when a lot of the bugs are brownish.
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> Use the yellow one as you get into the lighter colored bug hatches: sulphur, Cahills, Grey Fox, yellow sally hatches.
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> You can also tie wingless dries to imitate any hatch, such as Isonychias, BWOS, etc.
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> And don't forget to tie some Rusty Spinner variants. Which is just light blue dun for tails and hackle. And whatever "rusty" dubbing you like for the body. I prefer a cinnamon type color. A very good pattern to use at dusk, when trout are rising, but you can't tell what they are taking. They are probably taking spinners. Use the fully hackled one in pocket water. Trim the underside of the hackle when fishing flat water.

^ Great post. Simple and effective way to both tie for and fish many hatches. The half a handful of patterns mentioned above will get you into fish in the vast majority of mayfly hatches found anywhere.