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Hi all. First time posting a pic, and possibly first time I generated a topic...

I first read about this pattern over 10 years ago in Fly Rod & Reel, so I don't know who developed it. After fishing it for a while, I've made a few "improvements" to overcome a few flaws.

The original had spikey hare's mask dubbing throughout, and a simple deer hair wing tied in tips forward. My initial flies would float for a fish or two, then sink. Sometimes they would land on their side. Often, the wing would creep forward, until it was pointed forward over the eye at a 45 degree angle.

I still dub hare's mask until I reach the mid-point of the hook, then I progressively add more superfine in the mix with the hare's mask. The original, once wet, would gain enough weight to sink the whole fly. I tie in the deer hair wing with the tips to the rear, trim the butts, then post the wing with more dubbing behind. In front of the wing, I tie in a thin strip of 1.5 mm foam, a black hackle, and two strips of peacock.

I wrap the foam, tie off an eye's length behind the eye. Wrap the peacock around the thread making a rope, and wrap forward. Lastly, make 3 turns of hackle to the eye & tie off. Whip finish & trim the hackle on the bottom.



The foam adds additional bouyancy, allowing you to trail a small bead head beneath. The hackle aids in the fly riding upright, rather than on it's side. After tying it on your tippet, grease the wing and peacok, and the area just behind the wing. Enjoy

