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One of the major frustrations I have in tying dry flies is tying down the hackle after wrapping forward to the hook eye. I always seem to bind down hackle fibers and spending time trying to trim up the fly to look even remotely proper.

Another challenge I have is the hackle stem turning after it has been bound down. I am assuming there must be some "twist" in the stem. The hackle is facing the proper direction when I bind it to the hook, but turns as I start to make my wraps.

Anyway, I was hoping to use this thread to solicit tips and tricks from those of you that have developed effective methods for hackling your dries.

Thanks.