

# Konstruktig the Klinkhamer

## Fly Tying Project 8

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Three of us were fishing in northern Pennsylvania; Lou, Sim, and myself. One evening, there were many caddis in evidence, and trout were rising. Lou and I were sharing a large pool; I at the upper end, he at the tail. I caught a fair number -- in fact, I would have been quite satisfied if it weren't that Lou was just knocking them cold, getting at least three hookups to my one-and some very nice trout at that.

Back in camp, Lou informed us that he had caught all those fish on a pattern called the Klinkhamer. Neither Sim or I were familiar with it. After dinner, a late-night tying session took place. We tied our interpretations of the Klinkhamer in sizes from 12 to 16, dressed in several color combinations. The following evening, we scored big with our Klinks, even though the emergence wasn't nearly as prolific. I found that the smaller, paler ones worked well at first, then the larger, darker ones at dusk.

The hackle is tied parachute-style around an upright white hair post. It is tied on a curved hook, so that when the fly sits on the surface, the body hangs down in the film. There is no tail. Lou's flies had a small collar of peacock herl at the front of the body. I consider it optional. This is a typical pattern.

### Dressing:

Hook	Dry fly, either curved by design or reshaped, per the photo.
Thread	Fine, color to match or complement the dressing. Here, tan 8/0 Uni-thread.
Wing	Fine white hair. Here, calf body hair.
Body	Fine, soft dubbing. Here, tan Dazltron by Spirit River.
Hackle	Good-quality dry fly, color to match or complement the dressing.
Adhesive	(Optional but highly recommended): Zap-A-Gap.

My recommendation for the hackle feather is dry fly saddle hackle from Whiting Farms. It has all of the attributes of ideal parachute hackle; stiffness of barbs for maximum flotation, very fine quills for ease of wrapping without bulk buildup, and very high barb count, which minimizes the number of turns needed. In combination, these facilitate wrapping a neat, functional hackle around a post of softer material. By the way, don't attempt to overdress; one turn too many can upset a perfect hackling job.

I later learned that the Klinkhammer is the brainchild of a talented Dutch tier named Hans Van Klinken. Check out his web site at [www.flugfiskesidan.com/hvk](http://www.flugfiskesidan.com/hvk).

### Tying Steps:



*Step 1.* If you don't have a hook that lends itself to tying the Klink, simply bend it like this. Here, I'm using a Daiichi model 1180.



*Step 2.* Tie an upright hair wing post and dubbed body. Then tie the hackle feather in front of the wing post, on top, and hanging off to the rear. Leave a little bare quill exposed.

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*Step 3.* Bring the hackle feather straight up and bind it in with the wing post, wrapping counterclockwise, looking down from above.



*Step 4.* Wrap the parachute hackle counterclockwise also. You can now sneak some thread wraps underneath, followed by a horizontal whip finish, or you can cheat, like I do, and secure everything with a small droplet of Zap-A-Gap at the base.



*Step 5.* The Kool Klinkhamer.

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