

Daddy Long Legs (Crane Fly)

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Although you will see the odd Daddy, or Crane Fly, throughout most of the summer months, it is in the cooler conditions of autumn when you see the greater numbers of this insect.

Daddies belong to the family Tipulidae and all manner of tying patterns exist.



Dressing

Hook	Kamasan B 800 (Longshank) size 10 or 12	Legs	Cock Pheasant Centre Tail Fibres Knotted - twice
Thread	Black or Brown	Wings	Brown Cock Hackle Tips
Body	Cock Pheasant centre tail fibres	Hackle	Brown Cock Hackle
Rib	Fine Copper Wire	Head	Black or Brown tying thread Whip finish and varnish

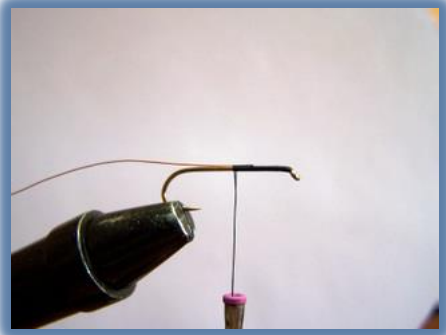


Step 1

Set hook in vice (ping it) and catch on tying thread.

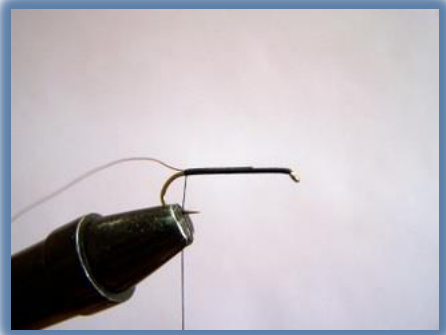


Wind thread down 1st third of hook shank in touching turns.



Step 2

Catch in 3 inches of Fine Copper wire.

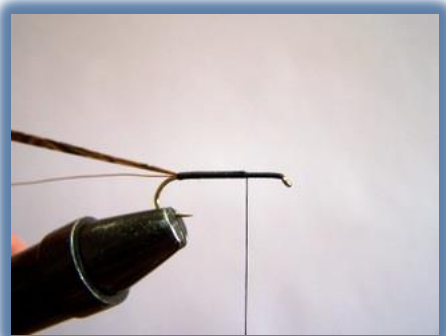


Bind down hook shank in touching turns to hook bend and pull back wire out of the way.



Step 3

Catch in 5 to 6 Pheasant tail fibres, by their tips using the pinch and loop technique.



Return tying thread back up hook shank.



Step 4

Wind Pheasant tail fibres up hook shank, in touching turns, towards eye to form neat thin body.



Catch in, secure and trim waste.



Step 5

Wind fine copper wire, in open turns, in opposite direction to pheasant tail fibres.



Secure and agitate wire till it snaps.



Step 6

Tie in a bunch of 3 to 4 Double knotted pheasant tail fibres, facing backwards



On each side of hook shank.



Secure and trim waste.



Step 7

Tie in 2 Brown cock hackle tips, at 90 degrees to hook shank, on both sides, using figure of 8 wraps to form wings.

Secure and trim waste stalks.



Step 8

Prepare cock hackle by removing 1st 3 to 4 fibres to form a comb. This aids tying in.



Step 9

Catch in the cock hackle.



Wind 3 turns behind wings, then through and 4 to 5 times in front of wings.



Step 10

Produce a neat head and whip finish.
Remove thread and varnish head.

View from the top of fly



View from the front of fly



Other Views



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