

The Grey Duster

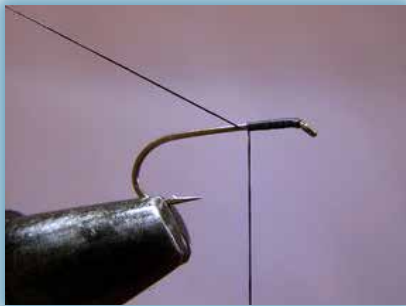
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A Traditional Welsh fly that has been around for a long time and can be fished all season , either as a Dry (or weighted) a wet. Indeed I caught my largest Grayling (4 and half pound) on a weighted grey duster near my home town of Llanidloes on the upper Severn. In smaller sizes it can represent a Caenis or midge, larger sizes a May-fly or Moth.



Dressing

Hook	Dry fly size 10-18 (or even smaller).	Body	Blue/grey rabbit under fur.
Thread	Black 8ought Uni thread (some use brown).	Hackle	Well marked badger cock hackle.
Tail	Optional (as original was tail less). 5-6 badger cock hackles fibres.		



Step 1

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



Step 2

Remove waste tag and run tying thread down hook shank to point above hook barb.



Step 3

Dub Blue /grey rabbit under-fur onto tying thread (a little at a time)...



Step 4

...and produce a nice even carrot shaped body.



Step 5

Prepare a well marked Silver badger feather...



Step 6

...and tie it in (shine'y side facing you).



Step 7

Advance tying thread to eye...



Step 8

...and wind hackle, with hackle pliers, 4 or 5 turns.



Step 9

Secure hackle, remove waste, pull back hackle fibres and form a small neat head with tying thread...



Step 10

...and whip finish.



The Finished Fly

Remove tying thread

Note : Add a touch of varnish to head to secure wraps.



The Other Side

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Step 13: If you wish to add a tail to your fly (as I do) then...
...after stage 2, secure 5 to 6 hackle fibres to hook shank and bind them down, returning tying thread to tail.



Step 14
Dub on grey under fur and create body...



Step 15
...and complete fly as in previous steps.



The other side (with tail)



The finished fly (with tail)