

Black Ant

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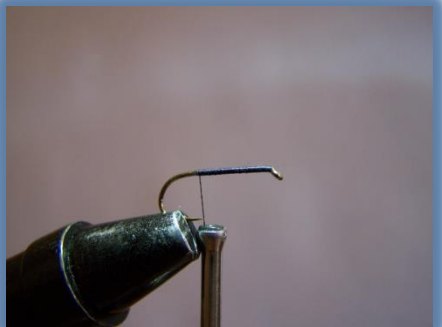
The ant's body shape is *very* specific, so DO NOT use a dubbing, such as seals fur, that creates a very shaggy profile.

Variations are the Wood or Cinnamon Ant frequently encountered on waters fringed with heavy woodland, although falls can be sporadic.



Dressing

Hook	Kamasan B400 Size 12 to 16	Body Front	Black Orvis Spectrablend dry fly dubbing
Thread	Black	Hackle	Black Cock Hackle
Tail	None	Head	Black Thread, whip finished and varnished.
Body Rear	Black Plastazote Foam and Black Orvis Spectrablend dry fly dubbing		
Rib	None		



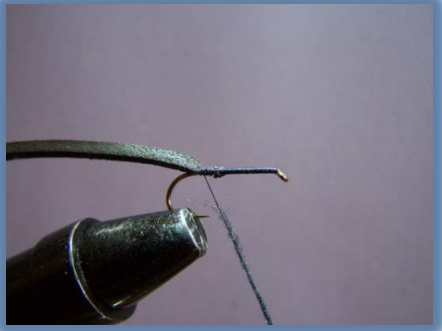
Step 1

Set hook in vice (ping it) and catch on tying thread. Wind down hook shank stopping above hook point.



Step 2

Catch in and secure a 2mm x 2mm strip of Black Plastazote foam on top of hook shank. Bind down the foam onto hook.



Step 3

Dub on a thin nodule of Black Spectrablend dry fly dubbing.



Step 4

And create a short bulbous abdomen.



Step 5

Pull foam strip over abdomen, secure and trim waste.



Step 6

Bind down the foam and advance up towards hook eye leaving a small gap.



Step 7

Prepare a black cock hackle by trimming the first 3 to 4 fibres on each side to form a comb. (this will aid tying in)



Step 8

Catch in the black cock hackle, secure and trim waste.



Step 9

Wind the cock hackle up hook shank for 3 to 4 turns, tie in and secure.



Step 10

Trim waste cock hackle.



Step 11

Dub on another smaller nodule of Black Spectrablend dry fly dubbing.



Step 12

And create thorax.



Step 13

Whip finish and varnish head.



Winged version using Antron body wool.

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