



Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



Crackle Back

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One of Al Bourisaw's Top Best 25 flies for Missouri Parks and Streams, Al said that Ed Story name the fly in the 60's after a bass plug made by Bill Walther.



I am tying this on a TMC200r, size 14. Lay down a thread base on the shank and do not cut off your tag end, will be used to secure the hackle.



Tie in the hackle, then the peacock herl.



Then tie on your body material. Wrap your body material forward and tie off. Then pull the peacock herl over the top and tie off. This is where I have problems. Better use a half hitch to secure it.

Now take your hackle and the tag end of the thread and together palmer forward.

The thread will hold the hackle together if it breaks while fishing it.



Build up a head with the thread and whip finish.

Use some head cement. But better yet is to use Dave's Flex cement. You can place a drop in the front, middle, and back. This will lock everything down and still keep the feather flexible.



What do you think? Let me know.

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Materials:

- Hook: TMC100, TMC101, TMC200r
- Hook Size: 112, 14, 16
- Thread: UNI-Thread 8/0 color of body
- Hackle: Brown or a color of your choice
- Top Body: Peacock herl
- Body: Cotton Embroidery thread, Tensile, UNI-Stretch and Madeira thread

Check out my fly tying video: <https://youtu.be/M2ykbRTifVw>

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