

**FOTM January 2020**  
**The Royal Coachman**  
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**Menu**

Hook, #10, standard dry fly  
Thread, 6/0 black  
Tail, golden pheasant tippet  
Abdomen, peacock herl  
Banding, red floss  
Wing, duck quill, upright and divided  
Hackle, coachman brown  
Head, tying thread

"Tying the Royal Coachman is pretty straight forward except for the duck quills, which takes some practice. Make sure you have matching quills ( one each left and right) and that you take the cut pieces (slips) from the same part of each opposing feather.

Start by mounting the hook in your vice and covering the shank with firm wraps of tying thread.

Select about 8 - 10 golden pheasant tippet fibers, even the tips, tie in over the hook barb and clip the butts.

Next select about 4 - 6 peacock herl fibers, clip the fragile tips and tie in by the tips, also over the barb.

Using either your fingers or a specialty tool twist the fibers to form a rope and make 2 - 3 wraps up the shank and tie off with thread. Don't clip the rope yet, just let it hang.

Then tie in a short length of red floss and make 2-3 wraps up the shank and tie off with thread.

Continuing wrapping the peacock rope up the shank to a point just behind the thorax position. This is Important - **leave ample room** for the wings, hackle and head!! Start over if you've encroached into this space.

Cut 2 matching slips from the duck quills, arrange them with the tips even and flaring away from each other. Tie them in at the mid thorax area using the pinch-and-pull method. Insure the wings don't rotate around the hook. Next pull the wings upright and add a few tight wraps at the base to keep them upright. Clip the butts and carefully separate the wings (a bodkin helps) and figure 8 a few wraps of thread at the base to keep them separated and even.

Finally tie in the saddle hackle in the thorax area and wrap toward the hook eye with 3 wraps on each side of the wing. Carefully trim the hackle tips and finish the fly forming a neat head with tying thread. Whip finish and you are done."