

October 2018 Fly of the Month

Royal Wulff Cripple

By Greg Chester

Attractors are fun to tie, easy to see, catch fish and look great in your fly box. My boxes also have a few Humpys, Trudes and Wulffs to drift on warm summer days.

The cripple style has proven itself with many successful patterns and this Royal Wulff version fits right in. Its wing and trimmed hackle design keeps the abdomen in the film offering good visibility for trout. Being large, buoyant bugs they additionally function well in a dry-dropper rig.

There aren't too many tricks to tying up this bug except that, as always, proper proportions are paramount to its success. Make sure the abdomen components don't crowd the thorax space – you'll need 8 – 10 turns of good quality hackle to float this bug.

Good luck and tying!

Menu:

- Hook - #10 – 14 standard dry fly hook
- Thread - 6/0 Unitread, dark brown or camel
- Shuck - Brown Zelon
- Abdomen - Peacock herl
- Waist banding - Red floss
- Wing - White calf body hair or calf tail
- Hackle - Coachman brown trimmed flat equal to hook point
- Head - Tying thread

