



Roaring Coachman

HOOK: heavy wet fly (Mustad 3906) #12 (#12 - #18)

THREAD: UTC black **RIB:** gold wire, brassie size

ABDOMEN: Peacock **HACKLE:** Brown, palmered front half of shank **WING** Antron, white

We learned early on that the best flies had a combination of peacock, brown, and white. This Roaring Coachman is named after and based upon the Western Coachman classic wet fly, pared down to the magic combination and renamed after our favorite river in Carbondale. Sink it, then swing it, during any caddis emergence.

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HINT: This is an old style fly with a substantial thread head, so it is imperative to protect some space behind the hook eye until the last step installing the wing.

1. Tie in gold wire along the shank, starting somewhere mid-shank and ending somewhere between the hook **point** and the hook **barb**.
2. Move your thread forward and repeat, with 3 strands of peacock tied in by the tips. Your thread should now be hanging between the hook **point** and the hook **barb**.
3. Envision the straight part of the hook shank in thirds. Move the thread to a position 1/3 of the way back from the eye, and tie in one brown hackle by the stem. **Follow the video for a method of tying the feather in at right angles to the shank. If you struggle, you can tie the feather in so it hangs out the back of the fly, like the wire and the peacock.**
4. Move the thread to near the hook eye. Fold the three peacock strands forward and tie them down at this point.
5. Leave the thread where it is, near the hook eye. Wrap the peacock evenly from front to back, bypassing the hackle when you get to it, and ending at the rear position where the wire is tied in.
6. Switch hands and treat the wire like thread, binding down the peacock with one wrap, and then continue forward with the wire in open turns to the hook eye, and tie off the wire.
7. Now you can trim the peacock and the wire.
8. Tie in an antron wing. **It is best to double over the wing, like in the video. If you don't, the slick antron will try to slip out under your thread wraps.**
9. Shape a thread head, whip finish. Head cement is highly recommended.