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Tying the Elk Hair Caddis Size 16.

Material:

Hook: Dry fly size 16

Thread: Uni-thread 8/0 tan or color to suit

Body: SuperFine dry fly dubbing. Tan

Hackle: Dry fly brown hackle –size 16

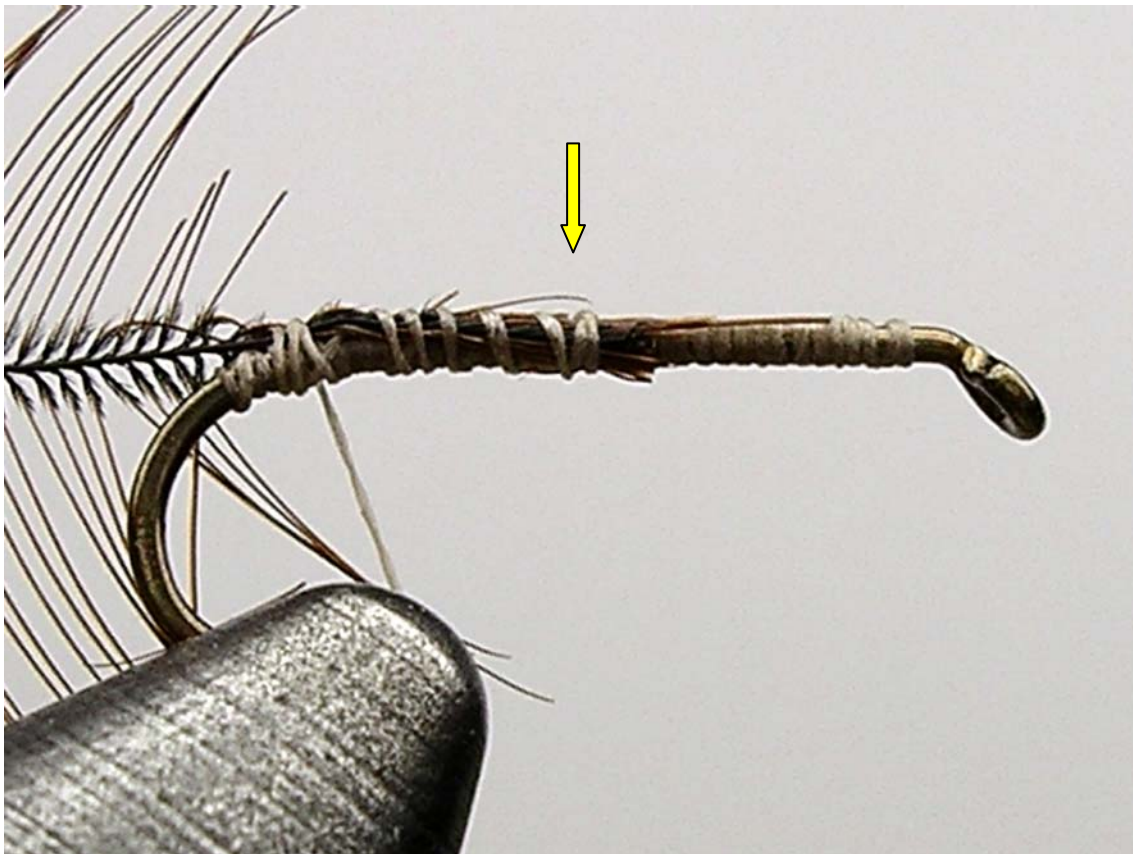
1 ½ the gap of the hook.

Wing: Elk Hair.

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The thread base. Start the thread behind the eye, wrap to the bend of the hook. Then advance to mid point.



Cut some of the barbs off on both side of the stem at the tip of the hackle. Tie on the hackle at the point by the yellow arrow. Wrap thread to the bend of the hook

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Start with a very small amount of Dubbing at the top of the thread. Add a little more as you go down the thread.



Wrapping the body. Try to get a tapered shape.



Wrapping the hackle.



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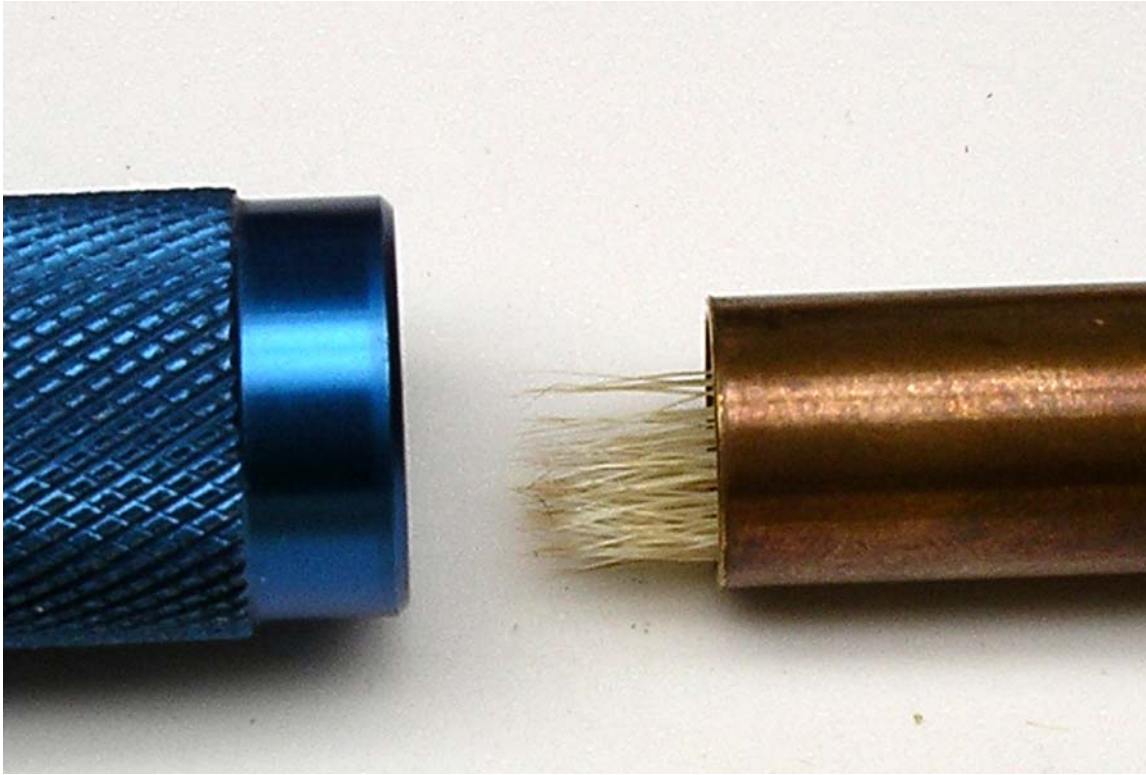


Tying off the hackle. Leave room behind the eye for Elk Hair



Cutting off a small amount of Elk Hair.

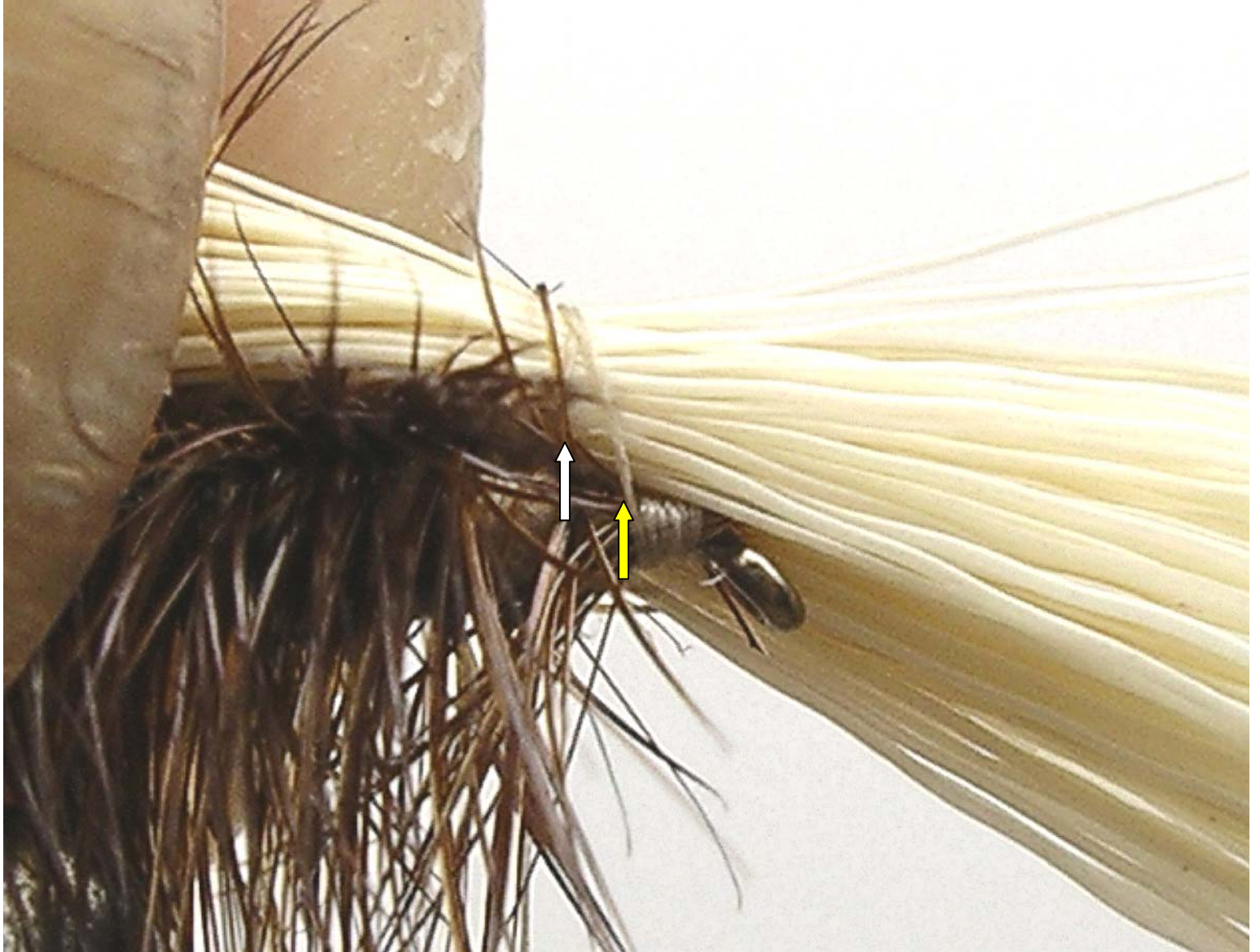
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Stacking the Elk Hair. Carefully pull out the tubing. Grab the tips with the left hand.

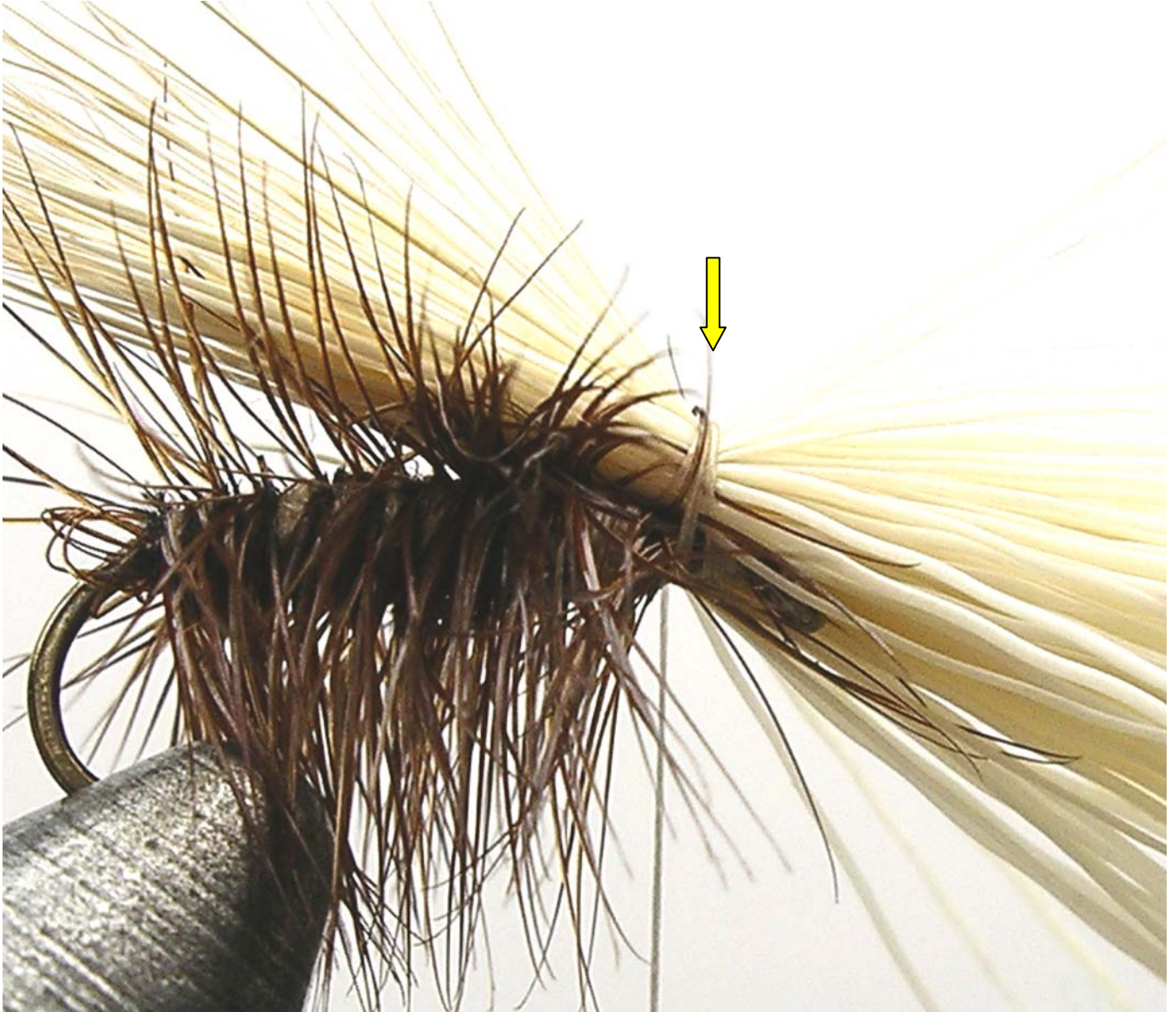


Measuring the length of the wing. Length of Hook shank.

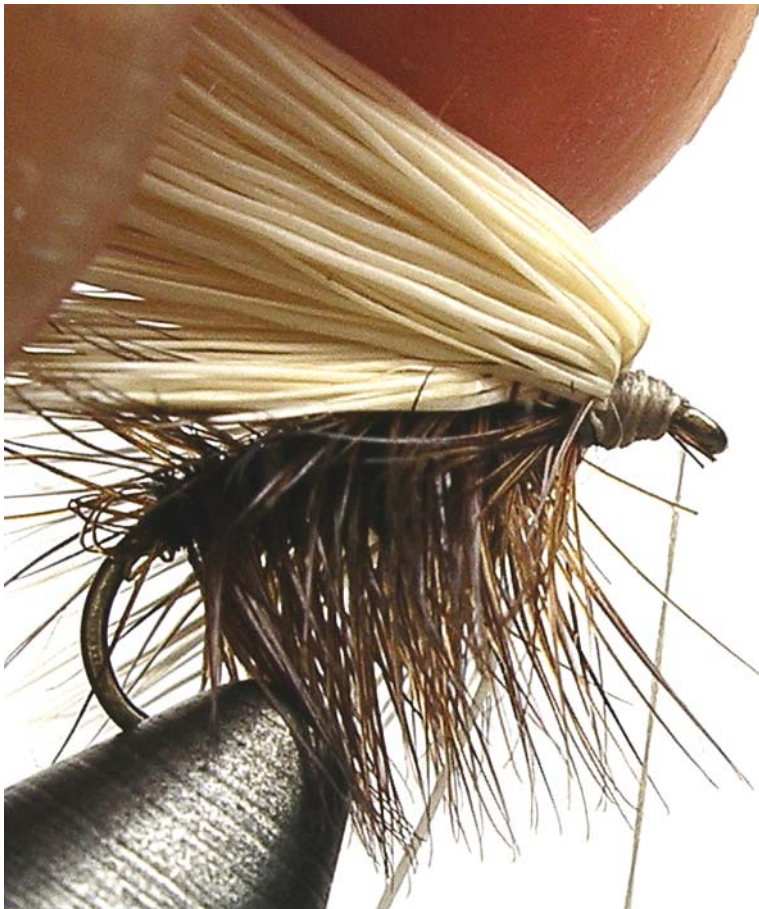


Tying the Elk Wing. 1. Make a thread loop around the Elk Hair indicated by the white arrow. Do not wrap around the hook shank. 2. Make a second wrap with the thread , the yellow arrow, this time bring the thread around to the near side of the hook under the hook shank. This first wrap around the hairs helps to make the hair stay on top of the hook. Make another wrap with thread to tighten the wrap. Then make several more wraps backward. This will secure the hair on top of the hook. Pull as hard as you can on the thread. Beware of the breaking point of the 8/0.

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Yellow arrow is the tie down point. Wrap backwards with at least 5 to 7 wraps. Wrap each one tighter than the previous to ensure a firm and secured tie. Beware of the breaking point of the 8/0 thread.



Building the head. Lift the butt ends of the hair up and backwards. Build up a head behind the eye and as far back against the wing tie in. Trim the butt ends at 45 degree.



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Whip finish and add cement.

