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## Tying the Light Cahill size 14

### Material:

Hook: Standard dry fly hook.


Thread: 8/0 gray

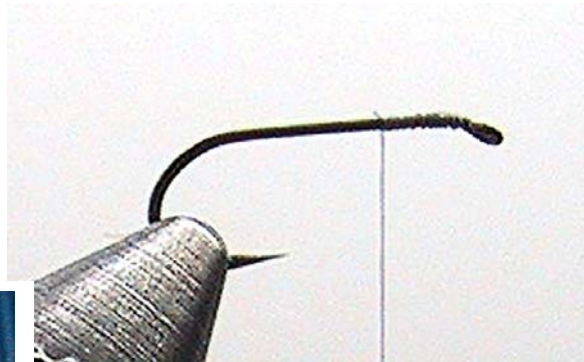
Wings: Wood duck flank feather


Tails: Light brown hackle fibers

Hackles: Cream and brown

Body: Superfine light Cahill

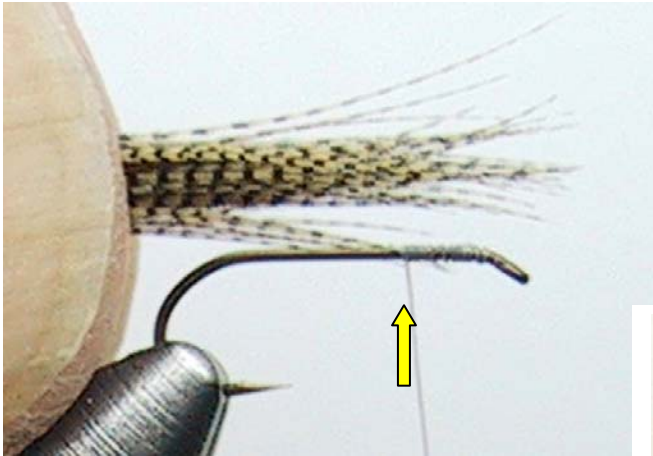
 **Thread Base 1.2**  
Start the thread from behind the eye.  
Wrap towards the bend 1/3 behind  
the eye.



 **The Wings. 1.3**  
Pull the tips down on the wood duck  
flank feather as shown on the photo.  
This will even up the tips before cutting.  
Cut at the base along the stem.

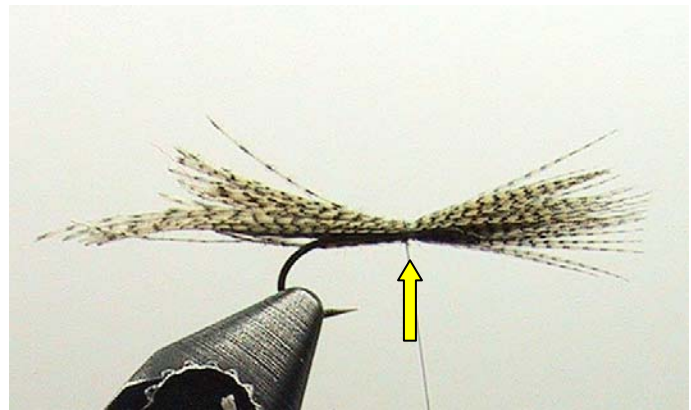


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### Measuring the Wings 2.1

Pick up the wood duck feathers gently and lay in on top of the hook shank. The Wings would be the length of the hook shank.



### Tying in the wings. 2.2

Move the feathers to the end of the thread base where the thread should be hanging. Yellow arrow in 2.1 Make a soft wrap and 2 more backwards to bind down the feathers.



### Wings; 2.3

Pull the wings backwards with thumb and index finger. Now make a thread bump against the feathers at the base.



**Wings 2.4** The wings should Stand at a 90 degree angle now.



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### ← Spreading the Wings 3.1

Using a needle divide the feathers into 2 halves. Make X wraps to spread out the wings on both sides of the hook.

Then when they are firmly seated gently pull the wings to an upright position. Make one soft wrap around the wings at the base. This will keep the wings in an upright position.

### → Wings upright 3.2

Wings are upright. If wings needed to be a little closer, make a soft wrap around the base of the wings to pull them together.



### ← Tails. 3.3

Choose a hackle with rather long fibers. Ginger or brown. Hackle in photo is a Furnace hackle(Hobby Lobby). Pull the fibers to a 90 degree angle to the stem. This will even up the tips. Then cut.

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### ← **Tying in Tails. 4.1**

Length of tails is at least one length of hook shank. Tie tails in at the hook of the bend. Trim excess butt fibers up to where the thread base for the wings.



**Tails. 4.2** After trimming the excess tails, wrap the thread forward binding down the tail fibers to make a smooth tapered under body.



### **Dubbing the thread. 4.3**

Pick a little Dry Fly super fine dubbing (Tan) and apply it to the thread. Moisture the fingers and twist clockwise. Do not reverse twist. Use a little more dubbing as you go down the thread.





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← Dubbing rope. 5.1



↑ **Wrapping the body. 5.1** Wrap the dubbing thread forward and finish with the thread in front of the wings.



↑ **Tying in Hackles. 5.2** Tie in first the brown hackle. Strip off feathers at the butt end for tie in. Lay the butt end behind the eye in between the wings and bind down. Repeat for the Ginger. Make one wrap behind the wings to bind both hackles down then move the thread to in front of the wings.

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### ← Wrapping the hackle. 6.1

Begin with the Ginger. Make at least 3 wraps behind the wings. Avoid binding down the wood duck with the hackle. Then skip over to the front of the wings.

### → Ginger Hackle. 6.2

Make 3 wraps in front of the wings. Pull the wood duck backward with the left hand and wrap the ginger against it. Bring the thread up twice to bind down the hackle. Make a half hitch if necessary. Then cut off excess hackle.



### ← The brown Hackle.

6.3 Repeat the same steps for the brown hackle. Whip finished and apply cement.



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By simple changing the color of the dubbing and hackles, you will be able to come up with the March Brown, the Blue Wing Olive and Several others in the Cahill families of fly imitations.

