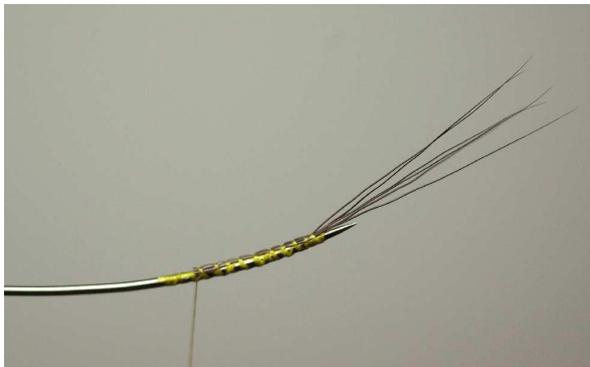# Bob's Hex
Tied by Bob Haase

Hook: Mustad 94840 or equivalent #6 or #8
Thread: Gold or Brown Color 6/0 (140 denier)
Body: Yellow Deer Body Hair
Extended Tail: Yellow Deer Body Hair (tied on needle and attached to hook.
Hackle: Amber, Gray, and Brown dry fly hackle
Wing: McFlylon (blend of different colors Brown, Gray, and Gold or just one color
Eyes: Brown mono eyes

I am always looking for new fly patterns and when new materials become available, I often modify existing patterns using the new materials. I also try to combine patterns to form new patterns and this hex pattern is a good example of that. I tie this same pattern using foam for the tail instead of deer hair. The tail section was from a fly given to me by Jim Shestock from Montello. The wings were changed when I started using a polypropylene material called McFlylon from Hairline Dubbin. Rather than Micro Fibbets I used moose body hair for the tailing material. This fly floats great, has a good profile on the water, most importantly the fish seem to like it!
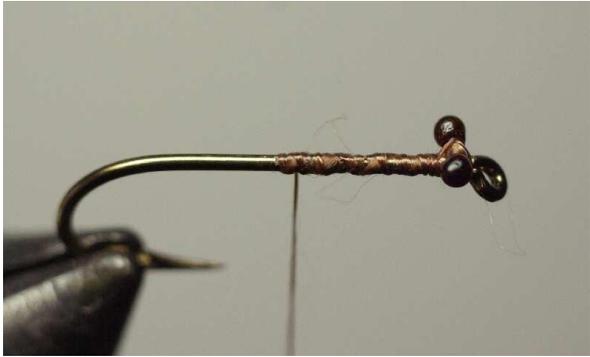

Step 1 ó Bend a large sewing needle as shown and secure it in vice jaws. Tie on thread but do not put on any head cement because you will have to slide it off the needle. Begin by tying in about 5 to 6 moose body hairs or other similar material.

Step 2 - Take a clump of yellow deer body hair about two thirds the size of a lead pencil and tie it on as shown. Begin at the end of the needle where you started to tie in the moose hair and make even wraps about 1/8" apart for a length of about 1 to 1-1/4". When you reach this length, reverse and wrap evenly back to the tip. You should wrap with more tension at the tip and less at the butt end to taper the body. You will leave about 1/4" inch of hair flair at the tip as shown. Whip finish at the tip and cut your thread.

Step 3 - Grip the body between your thumb and forefinger and slide the tail part way off the needle. Apply a few drops of flex cement at the tip as shown So that it drips down into the center. Pull off the rest of the way and apply a layer of flex cement over the body and allow to dry.

Step 4 - Place the hook in the vise and lay down a layer of thread about half way down the shank of the hook and bring it back to the eye of the hook. Tie in a pair of mono eyes as shown and bring the thread back to the middle of the hook.

Step 5 ó Put a few drops of super glue on hook from where you stopped the thread to about half way to mono eyes. Tie in the tail and body section by holding the loose ends of deer hair around hook where you put the super glue and wrap around the hook to form the body. Stop a little before the eyes as shown.

Step 6 - Take a piece of brown, gold, and gray McFlylon or polypropylene yarn and blend the colors together by using a Velcro brush and separating and bringing the bunch back together. You can use one color for the wings or blend two or more colors as shown. Tie in the McFlylon wings in a an upright "V" as shown. They should be placed just about 3/16" behind the eyes. Place flex cement at the base of the wings to about 1/4 inch up on the wings. You don't want to go all the way up with the flex cement because if you leave the upper two thirds of the wings loose they won't cause your leader to twist as much.

Step 7 - Tie in three dry fly hackles appropriate size just behind the wings. You can use more than one color hackle. I generally use a brown, gold, and dun colored hackle. Then wrap the hackle, one at a time behind and in front of the wings. Grasp the wings and pull them upright and cut the wings at an angle as shown. Then make a small cut at an angle on the tip to form the shape of a mayfly wing. I usually make the wings just a little shorter than normal as it will reduce line twist.

Step 8 - You can trim the hackle off the bottom a little to make it sit on the water better or leave it as is. The flared deer hair on the tail helps make this fly float better and this fly lays on the water nicely. I think you and the fish will like this fly. All you need now is a hex hatch to try it out!