

Tying the Jack Practitioner



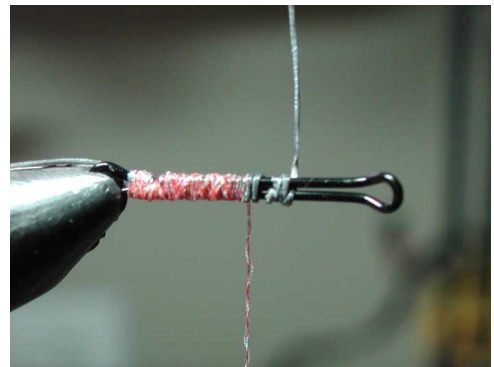
Always begin by looking carefully at the example fly. This will help you understand what each step is trying to accomplish. Each piece of material is being placed on the fly for a reason. The other thing is that once a mistake is made it is very hard to make it go away. It is far better to recognize a mistake as it is being made and back up a step and do it over correctly. An excellent fly is never made by building over a mistake.

Start by attaching the tying thread to the rear of the Waddington Shank. A shank can be tied in a normal vise but you must remember that the TOP of the fly is either toward you or away from you depending on how you like the eye.



Take a foot of Fireline and attach it to the far side of the Waddington Shank and lace it down toward the front for about a quarter of an inch. Take the tag end, the end toward the front, and put it through the eye of the shank and pull it back tight to the tie in point. Wrap it around the shank 3-4 times and run it back through the eye and pull it back tight. Wrap it around 3-4 times and pull it back tight again. Then pull it to the rear and

lace it tightly to the shank and trim the excess. Repeat the process with the other end of the Fireline leaving a loop that is 2-3" from the front of the shank to the end of the loop. Insert an Owner hook into the loop and you



are ready to go.

You can adjust the weight and buoyancy of the pattern by adjusting the size of the hook. Following these instructions exactly will result in a trailer loop which will not pull out.





Start by attaching 5-7 strands of Yak hair on the far side of the Shank. Trim about half an inch beyond the trailer hook. Attach the remaining Yak hair on the near side of the shank and cut again. Repeat on the other two side of the shank so we

have a little yak on each of the 4 side to act like feelers.



Cut 12-16 strands of Rhea. Attach 4 of the strands to the far side of the shank. Repeat on the other 3 side of the shank.



Take a golden pheasant or Ringneck pheasant feather which will be used for the shellback and trip the fibers which will not be used. Attach the shellback to the top of the shank. Remember that with a non rotary vise the top of the shank is the side near you.

Take a piece of Glimmer Body and attach right in front of the shellback. Wrap the body forward to the eye of the shank. Keep pulling the fibers from the Glimmer Body to the rear the same as if you are folding a hackle.



Prepare and tie in the second shellback as before.



Whip finish and cement.
This is the easiest GP you will ever tie.

