



Gray Hackle Peacock HOOK Dai Riki
070-14 THREAD: black. TAIL Hackle
fibers, red ABDOMEN: peacock HACKLE:
Grizzly saddle or rooster neck

Substitutions: Grizzly hen, or poor grade
rooster, makes an outstanding softhackle
style wet fly.

Fishing Tips: In mountain creeks this is a versatile all-purpose dry. It also makes a good midge, or cluster, and the wet version is a great caddis emerger fished on a swing. (Larger sizes are pretty darn good Green drake emergers as well)

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Tying Tips

1. Start thread and position it about an eye and a half back from the hook eye.
 2. Tie in a bundle of red hackle fibers as a tail. Body length is good but I like the full length of the hook. Keep the tie in point for the tail on the straight part of the hook. This will be forward of the hook barb on this fly.
 3. Tie in two select peacock herl, by the tips, and wrap forward to the initial thread tie-in point.
 4. Tie in saddle hackle, extending out the front of the hook. **TYING TIP:** Saddle hackle can have a distinct concave side, and if you wrap the hackle towards the concave side it gets messy. But we want the concave side forward, so we will “reverse hackle”. After tying in the hackle out the front end, move the thread back to the peacock, then wrap the hackle towards the rear, about 5 wraps. Then, catch the hackle with tying tread, and weave 2-3 turns through the hackling to the eye.
 5. Whip finish, then trim thread and hackle.
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