



**October 2023
FLY OF THE MONTH
"Schroeder's Parachute Hopper"**



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Schroeder Parachute Hopper

This is a very visible hopper pattern, and great for those that do not like to spin deer hair. You can change the post to any color you would like such as orange so you can see the fly in different water situations.

Tying Video

<https://youtu.be/ny1ekzLlZLg>

MATERIALS

Hook: 2XL size 6 to 14 I'm using a Daiichi 1710 size 6

Thread: 8/0 Uni Tan

Wing Post: White Calf Tail

Hackle: Grizzly Rooster

Rib: Brown Floss

Abdomen: Color to match natural, I am using Semperfli Primrose yellow Sparkle Dubbing

Thorax: Same as abdomen but fuller

Wing: Pretreated spray fixative Turkey Tail

Legs: Knotted Pheasant Tail fibers)



1. Place the hook in the vise making sure the shank is level with your desk or table.



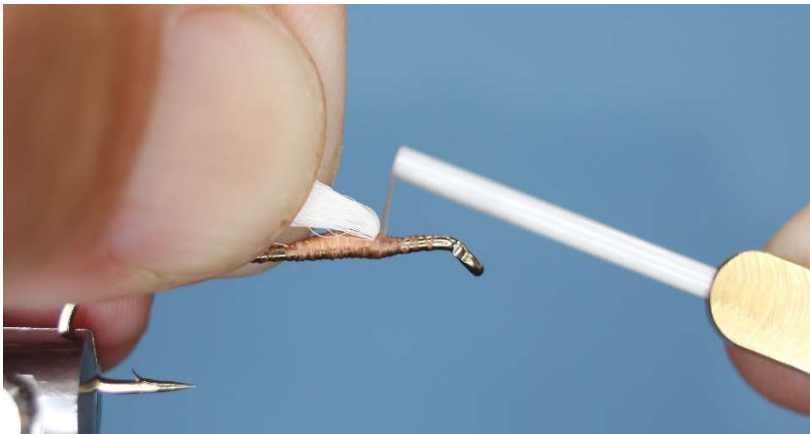
2. Stack White Calf Tail and measure it to be two thirds the shank of the hook.



3. Tie the wing post at the 1/4 of the shank from the eye of the hook.



4. Trim the calf tail butts and wrap over the butts.



5. Pull the wing tips back and tie in a thread dam in front of the wing to help it stand up.



6. Wrap the base of the wing post to strengthen the post for tying in the hackle for the parachute



7. Clean a rooster hackle, remove all the web, and tie it at the base of the wing post on the far side.

Make a few wraps up the wing to attach the hackle to the wing post.



8. Tie in the floss for the ribbing material and bring the thread and the floss to the bend of the hook.



9. Dub a tapered body to the wing post.



10. Counter wrap the body with floss for the ribbing.



11. Take a strip of treated turkey tail feather. The strip width is the gap width. Tip should extend past the bend half a gap length.



12. Cup the turkey strip over the body, this is the over wing. Secure to the body behind the wing.



13. By tying the turkey tail on top of the body, this will ensure the wing lays flat on top of the body.



14. Tie on each side knotted pheasant tail fiber legs and dub the head to the eye and back to the wing post. Hang the thread around the wing post.



15. Wrap the hackle around the wing post. Wrap the thread below the hackle wraps to secure the hackle.



16. Whipfinish underneath the hackle wraps and put a drop of head cement at the wing post so the head cement will soak down into the hackle wraps.



17. The finished fly. Change colors to match the natural. Change the wing post to colors you can see on the water.

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