

# Parachute Adams

**Hook:** #16 Dai-Riki 310, though the fly shown here is tied on a #16 Saber 7013 from FlyShack.com

**Thread:** 14/0 gray

**Tail:** Brown Hackle Barbules

**Body:** Superfine Adams Gray Dubbing

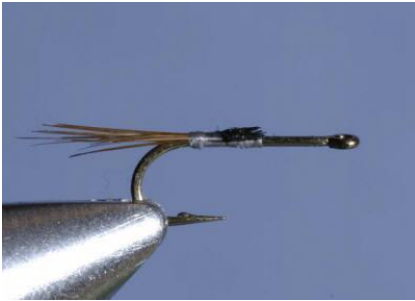
**Parachute Post:** Polypropylene Cord, combed out

**Hackle:** 1 Brown, 1 Grizzly

## Tying Instructions

Once the hook is in the vise and the barb crimped down, start your thread at midpoint and wrap back to just short of the bend of the hook. Here tie in 5 or 6 barbules of brown hackle to create a tail that is as long as the fly body.

You should be able to tie in the tail with about three snug wraps, stopping the thread right at the start of the bend of the hook and almost directly above where the barb was.



Now dub a very tiny bit of the Superfine dubbing onto your thread and wind forward to create a thinly tapered abdomen. Stop barely beyond midpoint. Notice in the photo how thin the body is.

Whatever you choose, pick a thin clump of material about 1 inch long and bind it on top of the hook at the front edge of the abdomen with the parachute portion facing toward the rear of the hook.

Notice that it kind of leans right up against the front of the abdomen for your tie-in. The idea is to keep the tie-in forward and its bulk off the abdomen. Once you have made the tie-in, trim any excess butt ends that push out toward the eye of the hook.



Assuming you are right handed, hold your polypro post up with the fingers of your left hand and wrap the thread up the post with the bobbin in your right hand, making sure the wraps don't slide back down over each other. This may require using one finger of your left hand to apply some pressure to the wraps while continuing to wrap with the right hand. It's a little tricky, but it can be done with a little practice.

You want to make 6 to 8 wraps, depending on the size of your post.

Now wrap back down the post in 3 or 4 wraps.

At the base of the post, make a couple of quick wraps of the thread forward of and then behind of the post to lock down everything and then really secure the base of the post with a drop of cement. These wraps will be the base later on for your hackle.



Next apply the tiniest bit of Superfine dubbing to your thread and build the thorax so that you also obscure the parachute tie-in. Look at the photo to see how the dubbing covers the bottom of the parachute and then tapers down toward the eye of the hook. Everything is kept very sparse.



The last big step is the hackle on the parachute. For this you want 1 brown and 1 grizzly hackle of equal lengths and with barb lengths that are about 1 ½ times the gap of the hook. Put them one on top of the other, with the barbs curved up.

Before tying them in, strip some of the barbs off the base of the quills so there will be a bare base for tying down.

Tie the two hackles in together at the base of the post with the barbs facing up and then wind the two simultaneously twice around the base of the post, wrapping from top to bottom. This is best done using hackle pliers. This yields 4 winds of hackle since you are working with a double strand, and will be plenty.

Now tie down the hackle in front of your thorax, being careful to stay under the wound hackles. You don't want your thread to trap any of the wound hackle. Make widely spaced wraps up to behind the eye of the hook, then make a small head with a few wraps and you're almost done.

All that's left is to tie off your fly with a whip finish, and maybe a final touch of glue. Just be sure to push those hackles back out of the way so you don't trap them with your whip finish.

