

# Tying Your Own Bucktail Dressed Trebles

## Building the bed applying the hackle!

**Step 1:** Insert the treble hook (here we are using 4/0) into the fly tying vise. Slowly wrap the thread starting at the hook eye and work away from the eye. You will require a 1/2 inch (1cm) to 1 inch (2.5cm) long bed depending on the number of collars of hair your trebles will require.



**Step 2:** After completing the bed for the hair work plenty of head cement into the thread.



**Step 3:** Place the first piece of hackle onto the bed of hair and wrap with thread four to six times. Keep the thread snug at all times. Work plenty of head cement over the wraps of thread.



**Step 4:** Rotate the hook in the vise and tie another piece of hackle along opposite side of hook shank. Again, work plenty of head cement onto the thread.



**Step 5:** Wrap several more wraps of thread and apply a little more head cement..



## Adding First Collar of Bucktail!

**Step 1:** You will tie three small bunches of hair on top of the hackle you just tied onto the hook. One bunch will be tied between each of the shanks. If the head cement you applied earlier has dried apply a little more now...



**Step 2:** Using your scissors, cut a small bunch of bucktail from your bucktail. It is important to remember to ensure the bunches are not too large.



**Step 3:** Place the first bunch of hair between the first two shanks and slowly wrap two or three loose wraps of thread around the hook and hair. Using your fingers distribute the hair evenly and wrap six to seven more wraps but apply more pressure this time so the hair is now held snugly by the thread.



**Step 4:** Trim all the excess hair in front of your wraps with your scissors. Trim close as possible to the thread.



**Step 5:** After you have trimmed the hair in front of your wraps of thread your hook should look something like this...



**Step 6:** Work plenty of head cement into each small bunch of hair after it has been tied on and trimmed.



**Step 7:** Rotate your hook and cut another small bunch of hair and tie it between the second and third shank just you tied on the first small bunch of hair.



**Step 8:** Repeat the process between the third and first shank.



**Step 9:** Apply several more wraps of thread, trim excess hair, and work more head cement in the last bunch of hair.



First collar now complete!



**Adding The Second Collar of Bucktail!**

**Step 1:** You will tie three small bunches of hair in front of the first collar you just tied onto the hook. Again, one bunch will be tied between each of the shanks. Make two or three new wraps, moving the thread forward toward the eye before you begin tying the second collar..



**Step 2:** Cut a small bunch of hair and place it between the first two shanks and slowly wrap two or three loose wraps of thread around the hook and hair. Using your fingers distribute the hair evenly and wrap six to seven more wraps but apply more pressure this time so the is now held snugly by the thread. Trim excess hair in front of thread wraps.



**Step 3:** Repeat step 2 between second and third shank.



**Step 4:** Remember to trim excess hair in front of thread wraps.



**Step 5:** You may have to lift the hair to get your scissors really close to the thread. Be careful not to cut your thread.



**Step 6:** Add the last bunch of hair to your treble with two or three loose wraps of thread.



**Step 7:** Use your fingers to evenly distribute the hair and wrap six to seven more wraps while applying more pressure. Trim excess hair.



**Step 8:** While trimming excess hair, try to taper the cuts towards the hook eye. Work plenty of head cement around the collar of hair after it has been trimmed.



**Step 9:** After you have trimmed the hair in front of your wraps of thread your hook should look something like this...



## Finishing with a Tapered Head

**Step 1:** Apply plenty of head cement onto the thread and hair. Slowly and with constant pressure wrap the thread continuously towards the hook eye. Now work back away from the eye and repeat until you have a nicely tapered head. Apply more head cement as necessary.



**Step 2:** Now tie several half hitches and cut thread.



The completed bucktail!

