

## Fly Tying Bench— Hare's Ear Parachute by Charlie Most

(Original design by Tom Rosenbauer as described by Don Coleman in his article *In Praise of Parachutes* on page 10 of this issue of *On The Fly*.

The instructions listed here reflect Charlie Most's unique method for tying parachutes, see page 11 and is an effective and easy way to wrap the hackle around the wing post.)

### Materials:

- Hook: Mustad 94840 or similar, size 12 to 20
- Thread: 6/0 waxed nylon, color to compliment
- Tail: deer body hair fine coastal deer hair is a good choice
- Wing: white calf body hair
- Body: dubbed natural hare's ear, fairly bulky
- Hackle: Natural grizzly wound around the wing post.



Rosenbauer Hare's Ear fly tied by Charlie Most

Paul Sequira photo

### Instructions:

1. Pinch the barb down, secure the hook in the vise and start the thread at mid-point of the shank.
2. Select a small bunch of white calf body hair for the wing post. Size the wing to about 3/4 the length of the hook shank. Tie the wing in so that the thread wraps end just ahead of the shank midpoint. Stand the wing straight up and wrap the thread around the base of the post 4 or 5 turns and then bring the thread back behind the post and take several tight turns around the hook shank to force the wing to stand upright. Move the thread forward again and wrap the thread around the base of the wing post going up approximately 1/16" to 1/8" and back down again.
3. Select a dry fly hackle with barbs approximately 1 1/2 times the hook gape and tie the stem in to the base of the wing post with several tight wraps of thread. The hackle feather should be standing straight up just like the wing. Cut away the excess stem and coat the base of the post and hackle stem with a **very small amount** of super glue. Too much glue will wick up the wing post and ruin it.
4. Select a small bunch of deer hair for the tail which should extend approximately one shank length beyond the hook bend. Tie the tail in with tight wraps starting at the end of the wing butts and extending towards the hook bend but stopping slightly ahead of the bend. These tight turns will cause the hair to flair, so finish the wrap off with some loose turns of thread to capture the tail fibers and eliminate the flair.
5. Dub a full body of natural hare's ear material and wrap the dubbing forward to and ahead of the wing post. Tie off the thread at the hook eye and cut it off
6. Now, loosen the hook in the vise, tilt the hook so that the hook eye points straight down with the wing post out to the right.. Reattach the thread to the base of the wing post and the hackle stem and wrap the hackle in the traditional manner being sure to wrap each successive turn to the left (below) the previous turn. Tie the hackle off with a whip finish on the wing post (use of a Renzitti style whip finisher simplifies this step), cut away and discard the excess hackle.
7. Apply a little head cement to secure the thread wraps.