

FRANCIS

Tube - Bottle
Tail - 3 Red Game hackle stalks
3 White cock hackle stalks
Rostrum - Brown Calf Tail
Butt - Red wool
Hackle - Red Game
Rib - Gold oval tinsel
Body - Red wool
Hackle - Red Game
Head - Red



The body should have a fat carrot shape so when trimming off all the tail waste ends do this as a tapered cut around the middle of the tube to help build up this shape before the wool goes on. Secure the tube in the vice. Run the tying thread down the tube leaving a space at the rear for the hook tubing. Prepare 3 large Red Game and 3 White cock hackles by stripping off all the fibres just leaving the bare stalks. Tie the hackle stalks in for the tail spreading them around the tube and splaying outwards with some light wraps of thread, they should be at least twice the tube and hook length. Adjust their position and bind in with some very tight wraps. Coat the rear body with superglue and bind in to the midpoint. Trim off the waste and take the thread back to the tail. Take a bunch of Brown Calf Tail or Cock Pheasant tail fibres and tie these in spread around the tube and trim off. Tie in a length of red wool and form a big butt and trim off. Tie in a Red Game Cock hackle by the tip, double it and wind 5 turns. Wax the thread well. Now tie in a length of Oval Gold tinsel and a longish length of Red Wool. Wind the wool up and down the body to form a carrot shape body. Be sure to tie the wool very tightly as it can slip as you form the carrot shape. Tie the wool in at the head and trim off. Rib the tinsel up the body, again very tightly, tie in and trim off. Form a neat head, whip finish and varnish

The original had a palmered body hackle.

It is also very good tied on mini tubes

