

# The Fly Tyer's Corner

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## Damsel Fly

This A great summer dry fly for all species that chomp on these cut bugs. I have seen both largemouth and trout leap from the water to feed on the females are they deposit their eggs. The reason I like this pattern of mine is that number one it floats well, number two the wings are fairly short so the fly does not helicopter during the cast and three it is a pretty simple fly to tie.

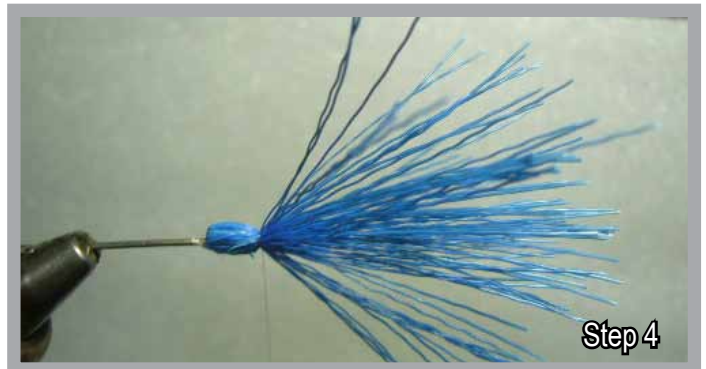
## Materials

Size 8 hook of your choice  
UTC ultra 70 thread  
Grizzle hackle  
White synthetic hair  
Pair of mono eyes  
Sally Hansons clear nail polish

**Step 1:** Place a sewing needle in the vice and add a base of thread



**Step 4:** Go inside the hair with the thread about 1/8 inch and secure the hair to create a body segment



**Step 2:** Take a bunch of blue deer hair and comb out all the fluff



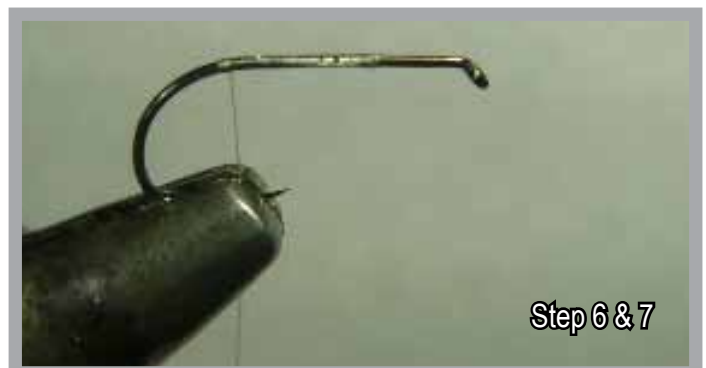
**Step 5:** Repeat this along the needle then whip finish at the end



**Step 3:** Tie in by the tips as shown and drag all the fibers forward toward the needle eye



**Steps 6 & 7:** Brush a coat of Sally Hansons over the body and slide it off the needle. Place a hook in the vice and make a base of thread



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**Step 8:** Attach the extended body at the bend. Let the hair flair and trim (this helps with floatation).



**Step 12:** Take your thread back to the eye and tie in a grizzle hackle



**Step 9:** Tie in a clump of deer hair by the butt ends and again let it flair and trim again



**Step 13:** Wind the hackle and tie off, trim the waste



**Step 10:** Take a small piece of white synthetic hair and tie in again the figure of eight thread wraps



**Step 14:** Pull the deer hair over the wings, hackle and between the eyes to form a thorax and tie off and whip finish



**Step 11:** Tie in a pair of mono eyes with figure of eight ties (these can be left out but I like the look with the eyes)



**Step 15:** Trim the waste to form a small head and trim the wings to size

