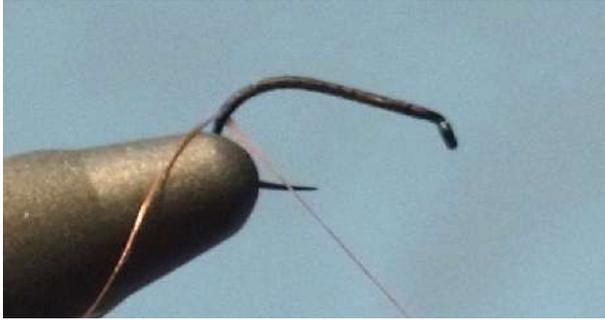


## Hawthorn fly with under-shank thorax.

Using a **#16 dry fly hook** and **fine black or brown thread**:



Wind thread to well round the bend, leaving a long tail. Tie in a few barbs from a **black feather**, e.g. crow.



Wind the black herl forward nearly to the eye, followed by the tail of thread wound tightly in the opposite direction. Secure it firmly and trim the waste.

*The rib of thread is re-inforcement since the herl is very vulnerable to a trout's teeth.*

Then tie in under the shank a **half-round strip of black foam**. Trap the tip under the shank a little back from the eye and bind it back to the half-shank position.



Take **two knotted legs of black-dyed cock pheasant** and tie one at each side of the shank. They must be positioned so that they do not fall below the level of the shank.

*This is to ensure that the fly floats positively the right way up.*

Trim off the waste then tie in a **black cock hackle** just in front of the legs.



Wind the thread forward to 1/4 shank position a tie in a small bunch of polypropylene fibre with just a couple of turns, on top of the shank. Double it back with a couple more turns.



Wind 2 turns of the hackle behind the wing, holding the latter temporarily forward, and 3 turns in front. Secure the hackle and trim. Gently fold the foam forward, secure it behind the eye and trim. Try to spread the hackle evenly on each side as you do so. Trim the legs and the wing.

*Provided that the foam has not been compressed, and with the legs and hackle treated with floatant, you should find that this fly floats extremely well. It should even bob back up if you drag it under.*