

Bob's Fly Tying Tips – *Bob Haase*
Using A Scrap Hackle to Clean Eye of Hook



It is easy to get head cement into the eye of the hook when applying head cement near the eye of the hook. To prevent this, just strip some hackle off part of the stem of a scrap piece of hackle. After applying the head cement, just run the stem of the hackle (with some hackle left on the stem) through the eye of the hook and it will clean out any residual head cement from the eye of the hook. It may seem like an extra effort while you are tying the fly, but it will be well worth it when you try to tie the fly on at streamside.