

Fly of the Month

The Klinkhammer



Hook :- Partridge 15BN, Kamasan B100, or suitably modified dry fly hook 16-10

Body :- Dubbing, colour of your choice

Thorax :- Good quality peacock herl

Post :- Antron yarn, Hi-Vis or similar

Hackle :- Cock hackle, parachute style

The Klinkhammer was devised by a Dutchman, Hans van Klinken, in the early 1980s and within five years became one of the most popular emerger patterns in Europe for trout and grayling. Like the Shaving Brush and F-fly it is designed so that the body of the fly hangs below the surface film where it is more easily seen from a distance by the fish. But unlike the Shaving Brush and F-fly the “Klink” is quite tricky to tie and needs a special hook. As far as I know there is only one hook specifically made for the Klinkhammer and that is the Partridge 15BN, but the Kamasan B100 shrimp/buzzer is pretty close to it. Standard dry fly hooks can be made suitable by bending the shank down about one third back from the eye. Without the body of the fly penetrating and hanging below the surface film the Klinkhammer would be just another parachute hackled dry fly sitting in the surface film.



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Partridge 15BN



Kamasan B100



Dry fly hook bent to

The Klinkhammer is a type of fly rather than a pattern that calls for specific colours and materials so it is generally tied to suit local conditions. About the only common item in the many varieties around is the peacock herl thorax. Some tiers like to add a tail and/or fine wire rib.

Tying instructions for the Klinkhammer are a bit difficult to put into words but there are quite a few demonstrations on YouTube. I like the Davie McPhail one because of the neat way he ties on the post. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afABhdimiko>

Note :- The Partridge 15BN has been superceded by the 15BNX, which is what Davie uses.

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