



*River Road Creations, Inc.*  
Wing and Foam Body Cutters  
*For the Art of Fly Tying*

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## **Tying Mayfly Wings using River Road Creations' Wing Cutters**

You can use the cutters on foam or feathers. With feathers, you may need to spray them with fixative to keep them in place after cutting and before you tie them in.

There are two ways to tie in the mayfly wings. The first way is to cut out two individual wings. Match up the tips, hold the wings with the thin ends on either side of the hook shank and tie in about 1/3 of the way back from the eye of the hook. Tie them in the same way you would tie a pair of hackle tip wings.

The way I prefer to tie them is to fold the wing material and then cut both wings simultaneously. Position the cutter so that about 1/16<sup>th</sup> of an inch of the upper end of the "hangy down part" extends over the wing material. What you will get is two wing connected at the thinner part of the base. After you cut the wings, attach your thread about 1/3 of the way back from the eye of the hook, match up the tips and position the wings with the thin connection underneath the hook shank. A couple of quick wraps will tie the wings in and you can re-position them with couple of wraps around the wing post (the thin part that now extends above the shank. This method improves the durability of the wing, no matter what type you are using. The only time I tie this type of wing on top of the hook is if I am tying mayfly spinner patterns.

Another tip – try to use thread no smaller than 6/0. I find that 8/0 thread cuts into most wing materials and heavier thread just works better.

Tight Lines!  
Tony



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