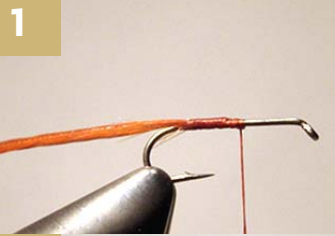


Elk Hair Caddis

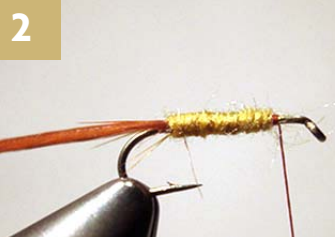
- Hook:** Standard Dry Fly Size #10-22
Thread: 6/0 brown
Hackle: Dry Fly one size small
Body: Dry Fly dubbing
Rib: (Optional) fine gold wire
Wing: Elk or Coastal Deer Hair

Tying Instructions

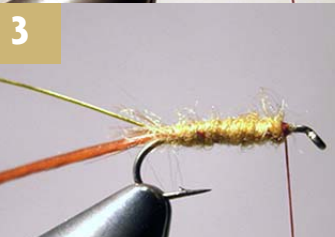
1. Attach thread tie in a dry fly hackle at the rear of the hook by the butt. Also tie in wire rib at this time.
2. Dub a short body that tapers slightly from rear to front. stop dubbing at a point about two hook eye widths from the front of the hook shank.
3. Wrap the hackle forward in evenly spaced wraps to the front of the dubbed part of the fly. Tie it off and trim. Counter wrap the rib to reinforce the hackle.
4. Take a clump of elk or coastal deer hair clean out the underfur and stack it to align the tips.
5. Hold the hair in place so the tips extend to the back of the bend of the hook. Then wrap the thread around the clump of hair before wrapping the thread around the hook shank.
6. Bind the hair in place with several wraps of thread. Then make a couple of wraps in front of and behind the wing.
7. Tie off and trim thread and then trim the remaining hair wing on an angle to make a small head.



Tying in the hackle by the butt will make the fibers taper slightly forward. For this pattern some prefer to use a hackle that is about 1 hook gap in fiber length.



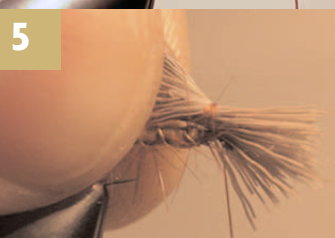
The best body colors for this pattern are olive, tan or grey.



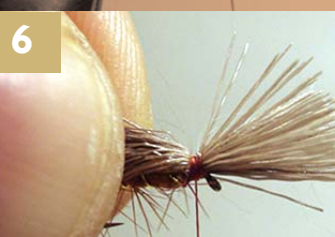
The wire rib reinforces the body and adds a little sparkle to the body



Preparing the deer hair properly is a key to good looking fly.



The wrap around the material ensures that it stays on top of the hook and does not crawl around the hook



Solid wraps of thread and a couple in front and back will help better secure the wing.



Try mixing up the color of the hackle, body and wing to match different naturals.



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