

CRYSTAL CADDIS



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 10 - 16

Thread.....Black 8/0

Body.....Fine and Dry Olive Dubbing

Wing.....Olive Crystal Flash, caddis style

Hackle.....Olive Cock Hackle

1. Flatten the barb on the hook and put it in your vise. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back to the start of the hook bend, laying down a good thread base.
2. Lightly dub the thread and wrap it back toward the hook eye covering a little more than 2/3 of hook shank and forming a slim body. Remove excess dubbing.
3. Tie in a small amount of olive crystal flash caddis style to form a wing. Be sure to keep the wing on top of the hook shank and tie it down tightly. The wing should equal the hook shank in length. Let the thread hang.
4. Tie-in the hackle in front of the wing and wrap it forward in 3-4 tight turns toward the hook eye. Tie off the hackle right behind the hook eye and remove the excess.
5. Form a neat small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.
6. If desired (I recommend it!), add a drop of head cement.

Comment: In situations where there is no insect activity but the fish appear to be rising to something, this dry fly can be used as an attractor pattern. It is particularly useful on winter days when the flash makes good use of the daylight, giving the impression of a translucent insect wing. When fishing this pattern, cast upstream of places where you have seen rising fish and just let it drift.