

IRIS CADDIS



Recipe

Hook.....Dry 1xl, size 12-18
Thread.....Olive, 6/0 or 8/0
Tail.....Z-Ion/Antron, Amber
Body.....Dubbing, Tan/olive, rabbit or possum
Wing.....Z-Ion/Antron, White or clear
Thorax.....Dubbing, Hare's ear
Head.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie-in the thread slightly behind the hook eye, then wrap a tight thread base back to between the hook point and the hook barb. Remove any thread tag. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 1"-2" piece of tail material and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank where you left the thread. Continue wrapping over the material down the hook bend so that the tail takes on a **slight** downward angle, then reverse thread direction and wrap it back toward the hook eye over the material to create a smooth underbody. Return the thread to in front of the tail. Trim the tail to be about a hook gap in length.
3. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered body covering the **rear 2/3ds** of the hook shank. Remove any excess dubbing.
4. Now cut a 4" piece of wing material and form a loop reaching from the front of the body to the base of the tail. Tie the loop in on top of the hook shank in front of the body. Trim any surplus loop butts off at an angle and wrap over the butts to form a base for the thorax. The thread should now be at the base of the loop.
5. Take a batch of dubbing and "card" it to align the fibers. Now apply a light coat of dubbing wax to the thread and "pinch dub" the thread. Wrap the dubbing forward to form a shaggy thorax, being sure to fold back the dubbing fibers with each wrap. Tie off the dubbing behind the hook eye and remove any excess. It will look like a mess, but that is how you want it to look.
6. Do a whip finish and cut the thread.