

SPENT PARTRIDGE CADDIS (NO HACKLE)



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 12-22

Thread.....Black/brown/olive brown, 6/0 or 8/0

Body.....Brown or Tan Dubbing, your choice of type

Underwing...Amber or burnt orange Antron

Wing.....Hungarian Partridge feather or Ringneck body feather

Thorax.....Hare's ear dubbing

Head.....Thread

1. Attach the thread about 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to over the hook barb. Remove any tag thread.
2. Now dub the thread and wrap it forward to 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
3. Cut a 4"-5" piece of Antron and tie it in tightly in front of the body by its middle on top of the hook shank. Then fold the front section of the antron back over the top of the rear section of the Antron to form an underwing. Be sure to bind down the Antron at the fold with tight thread wraps. Measuring the underwing to reach to the back of the hook bend, make a downward slanting cut from top to bottom and remove the excess Antron.
4. Select two partridge body or pheasant body feathers and remove the fluff from their bases. Lay them on top of each other and even the tips, then stroke the fibers into a bundle and tie them down tightly on top of the hook shank in front of the underwing, forming a wing. (*This wing should reach back to just past the tip of the underwing.*) Cut off any excess butts at an angle and wrap tight thread wraps over the remaining butts to form a ramp down to behind the hook eye.
5. Return the thread to the front of the wing, then lightly "pinch dub" about 2" of the thread and wrap it from in front of the wing down to behind the hook eye. Stroke the dubbing fur back and form a small head, then do a whip finish and cut the thread.

The thorax should look like a furry mess. This mess will collect air bubbles and help the fly float.