

## X CADDIS



### Recipe

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

Thread.....Tan 6/0 or 8/0

Shuck.....Zelon or Antron, gold

Body.....Antron dubbing, gold

Wing.....Deer hair

1. Crush the hook barb and place the hook in the vise. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base to the hook bend.
2. Cut a small bunch of Zelon and tie it in tightly on top of the hook shank at the hook bend to simulate a trailing shuck. **The shuck should be the length of the hook gap.** Remove any excess shuck butt and return the thread to the shuck tie-in point.
3. Now dub the thread and wrap it forward forming a small reverse tapered body (the rear of the body is thicker than the front) to within two hook eye lengths of the hook eye. Tie it off and remove any excess dubbing.
4. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of fine deer hair. With the tips facing rearward, tie in the hair on top of the hook shank with a couple of soft loops in front of the dubbed body. *The wing should extend back to the end of the body or slightly shorter.* With your fingers, move the deer hair so that the wing appears to "cup" the body, extending slightly down the sides, but not under the hook shank. When it looks right, hold the wing tightly and press down while applying several tight wraps. (The trick is to get the thread wraps as tight as possible without breaking the thread.) Make an additional wrap through the hair butts, then lift the hair butts and move the thread to behind the hook eye. Form a small thread head behind the hook eye, whip finish, and cut the thread.
5. Now take your scissors and, while resting the blade against the hook eye, cut the hair butts at a backward angle forming a small hair head.

This fly is a cripple pattern intended to imitate an emerging caddis that is trapped in its trailing shuck. Since this is an emerger pattern, you want the wing to be **shorter** than it would be in a regular caddis pattern so that the tail will dip down.