

Fly of the Month

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Fly of the Month – Elk Hair Caddis

My Elk Hair Caddis is a little different from the online and book patterns, for example: instead of using elk hair for the wing, I use deer hair; and instead of using not using ribbing, I use ribbing.



1. Tying Instructions:
2. Mount the hook firmly in the vise jaws.
3. Start the thread by holding the thread (tag end) closest side to you and the bobbin and thread on the far side of you. Wrap the thread clockwise around the hook shank. (Jamb Knot)
4. Tie on the materials (ribbing, hackle, and anything else) on to the back of the hook shank, but not past the barb of the hook.
5. Then decide what body (material) you want to have, like dubbing, thread and/or anything else.
6. Optional: Wrap the ribbing (if you have any) forward around the hook and “tie off” the ribbing.
7. Wrap the thread around the ribbing so it doesn’t unwind.
8. Making the wing is easy. Use a hair stacker to even the tips. Tie on the hair to the front of the hook shank so enough hair is sticking out to make the head.
9. To make the head, use scissors and cut off the top of the hair in front so about a hook eyes length is left
10. Tie off the thread and whip finish the knot.