

Fly of the Month

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Rene' Harrops' Baetis Nymph

It really is a depressing day when you can roam around your favorite fly shop for an hour and cannot put together a Christmas list. What I did find was a whole new crop of books I do not have... but which ones? Well I made a list, and my significant other was very good to me. One of my new favorites is Rene' Harrop's "Learning From The Water". While I have not actually *read* it yet, I am tying several of his patters and have a number of them ready for the FYAO and the spring season. I'm always looking for a new BWO pattern, and this one is pretty clean and simple with just a little twist – a CDC wingcase. Remember to keep it sparse.



Hook: TMC 200R Size 18-22
Thread: 12/0 Olive or Brown
Tail: Lemon Wood Duck
Abdomen: Brown Olive Squirrel Dubbing
Ribbing: Fine Copper Wire
Wing Case: Natural Dun CDC
Legs: Brown Partridge
Thorax: Brown Olive Squirrel Dubbing

- 1) Secure hook in vise, start thread around the thorax, and wrap back to about the hook point. Tie in 4-6 wood duck fibers as a tail.
- 2) Tie in copper wire ribbing.
- 3) Dub a tight sparse body tapering up to the thorax.
- 4) Counter-wrap the ribbing forward and tie off at thorax.
- 5) Using one or two CDC feathers, pull the tips together and tie them in at the thorax extending out the back.
- 6) Dub a thorax continuing the taper from the body to the head.
- 7) Pull several fibers from the brown partridge feather and tie in as legs from the front of the thorax extending just to the junction of the body. Repeat for other side.
- 8) Pull CDC feathers forward to form a wing case and tie off.
- 9) Whip finish.

The CDC is light and holds lots of air bubbles so it fishes shallow. This is a great dropper behind a parachute BWO when fishing shallow, as a dropper behind a Barr's emerger for fishing deeper, or as a lead fly above a jujubee or other midge.