

DEEP SPARKLE PUPA



Recipe

Hook.....Dry/Wet/Nymph, size 10 - 16

Thread.....Brown 6/0

Weight..... Lead wire

Underbody....Olive or Bright green antron dubbing

Overbody.....Medium olive antron yarn

Hackle.....Brown Grouse/Partridge/Hen hackle

Head.....Brown rabbit dubbing

1. Crush the barb on the hook and place it in the vise. Take a 2" – 3" piece of lead wire and make 8–10 wraps in the middle of the hook shank. Remove the excess wire. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap over the lead wire, building a thread taper in front and behind the wire wraps, and covering the lead wraps with thread. Then wrap the thread back to the hook bend and let it hang.
2. Cut two 2" lengths of antron yarn. Take one piece and comb through it with a fine tooth comb to separate the fibers. Tie-in this length of yarn on the far side of the hook shank at the hook bend with 2-3 wraps of thread. The butt end of the yarn should reach to the back of the lead wraps. The length of the yarn should extend back over the hook bend. Before pulling the thread wraps tight, use your fingers to splay the antron fibers around half of the hook shank, then pull the thread wraps tight. Repeat this procedure with the second length of antron yarn. Bind down the butt ends of the yarn strands with thread wraps back to the rear of the lead wire wraps. Trim any excess butts. Return the thread to the bend of the hook.
3. Dub the thread and wrap it forward over the rear 4/5 of the hook shank, forming an even abdomen. Leave the thread at the front of the abdomen.
4. With the right fingers, draw the first yarn strand along the far side of the abdomen keeping the fibers spread (**this may take some practice**). Pinch the fibers at the hook eye and, with the left hand, secure the fibers with 2 firm thread wraps. **Don't clip the excess fibers**. Repeat this procedure with the second antron strand on the near side of the hook shank.

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5. Now use a dubbing needle to lift the fibers over the abdomen slightly and, if necessary, spread them to fill in any sparse areas. Work around the body to create a uniform, bubble-like capsule. **(If you make a mistake, pull the fiber butt ends to collapse the bubble, and start over again.)** When the bubble is formed to your satisfaction, secure both strands with tight thread wraps and clip off the excess antron. Return the thread to the front of the bubble.
6. Align and cut 6-8 hackle fibers and tie them in on the far side of the hook shank in front of the bubble to simulate legs. The fibers should reach back to rear of the abdomen. Clip any excess fiber butts. Repeat his procedure with a second bundle on the near side of the hook shank. Return the thread to a position tight against the front of the legs.
7. Dub the thread and form a dubbed head behind the hook eye. Be sure that the dubbing is tight against the legs to conceal any thread wraps.
8. Remove excess dubbing and form a small thread head directly behind the hook eye, whip finish, and clip the thread. **(It is okay if the thread head slightly overlaps the front of the dubbed head.)**

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