

## GREEN DRAKE EMERGER



### Recipe

Hook.....Dry, 2XL, size 8  
Thread.....Pale yellow 6/0  
Tail/Shuck.....Antron or Z-Ion, tan or amber  
Body.....Tan dry fly dubbing  
Wing case.....Mallard Flank, yellow  
Wing.....Snowshoe rabbit's foot, natural  
Head.....Rusty brown dry fly dubbing

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie the thread in behind the hook eye then wrap a tight thread base back to the hook bend.
2. Cut a 1"-2" piece of Antron and tie it in at the hook bend as a tail. The tail should be roughly the length of the hook shank. Make sure to that the tail fibers look somewhat irregular in length for a ragged look.
3. Dub the thread and wrap it forward to a point about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the hook shank behind the hook eye, forming a neat tapered body with the front being bigger than the rear. Let the thread hang.
4. Select a mallard flank feather and trim all the fluff off the base. Stroke the fibers toward the tip to align the tips and tie it in by the tip tight against the front of the dubbed body on top of the hook shank. The length of the feather should be going out over the hook bend. The barred side of the feather should be facing down. (When tying down the feather, try to catch the tip down far enough to hold the fibers against the feather spine for a thin profile.) Trim off any excess tips and return the thread to the feather tie-in point.
5. Now take a rabbits foot and cut a good-sized bunch of hair from the bottom of the foot to use as a wing. Try to keep the hair as long as possible. Clean the hair to remove the underfur and tie it in by the butts on top of the hook shank directly in front of the feather. Trim the excess butts at an angle toward the hook eye and cover the remainder with tight thread wraps.

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6. Dub the thread with the brown dubbing and wrap a neat head behind the hook eye. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang directly behind the hook eye.
7. Now split the hair wing into 2 equal bunches, brush 1 bunch to each side, then pull the feather forward between the bunches and over the dubbed head. Tie off the feather directly behind the hook eye and remove any excess feather.
8. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the thread wraps if desired.