

HAYSTACK EMERGER



Recipe

Hook.....Curved Caddis, 2x wide, size 10-16

Thread.....Olive, 6/0 or 8/0

Wing.....Deer Hair, Natural or color of choice

Rib.....Pearl tinsel or small colored wire of your choice

Body.....SLF dubbing, olive or color of your choice

Head.....SLF Dubbing to match body

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the middle of the hook shank, then reverse direction and wrap the thread half-way back toward the hook eye. This should put the thread approximately 1/4 of the hook shank back from the hook eye.
2. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of deer hair as a wing. Measure the wing to be the length of the hook shank and tie it in on top of the hook shank at the 1/4 point with the tips projecting out over the hook eye. **DO NOT LET THE HAIR SPIN AROUND THE HOOK SHANK.** Trim the hair butts at an angle and make several tight thread wraps over them to secure them, then cover the remaining hair butts with thread. Return the thread to the front of wing. Lift the hair wing and make several thread wraps tight against the front of the wing to stand up the hair.
3. Now wrap the thread back to the rear of the hair butts and tie in a 3"-4" piece of ribbing material with the length of it going back over the hook bend. Wrap the thread over the ribbing material back to almost half way down the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
4. Dub the thread and wrap a dubbed body back to just behind the wing. Remove any excess dubbing. *(Don't be concerned if the body looks a little scruffy.)*
5. Palmer the rib forward over the body in four or five wraps and tie it off behind the wing. Remove any excess ribbing and let the thread hang.
6. Dub the thread again and make 1-2 wraps behind the wing to cover the rib. Tie-off the thread wraps, then divide the hair wing into 2 equal halves with one half going forward

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over the hook eye and the 2nd half leaning back toward the hook bend. Wrap the dubbed thread between the two wing halves to keep them divided then lift the front wing half and form a dubbed head. Remove any excess dubbing. *(You should now have two comparadun style wings with dubbing between them--See the picture.)*

7. Now make a small thread head behind the hook eye, whip finish and cut the thread. Apply head cement if desired.