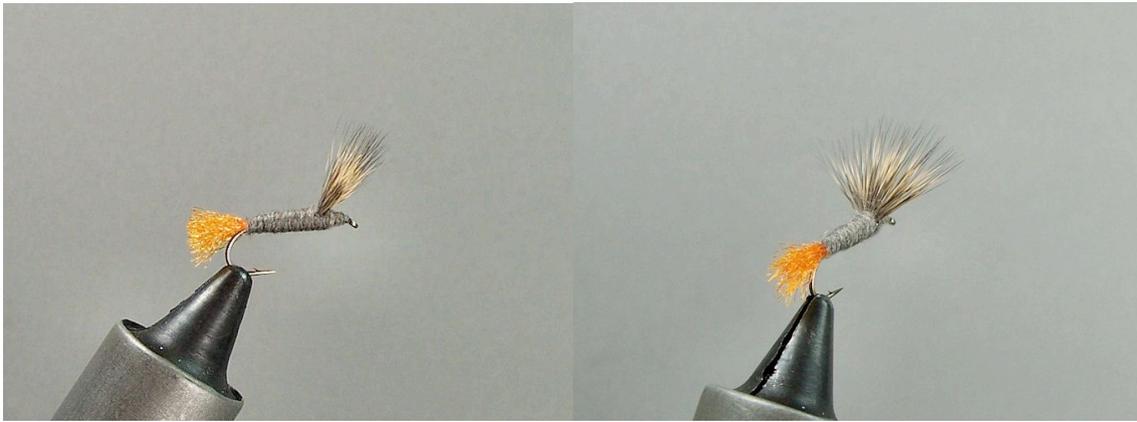


SPARKLE DUN



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 12-16
Thread.....Gray 6/0
Tail.....Amber Z-lon or antron
Body.....Gray Fine & Dry or Poly dubbing
Wing.....Deer hair (Comparadun)
Head.....Thread

1. Crush the barb on the hook and place it in the vise. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a thread foundation over the front half of the hook shank. Return the thread to the $\frac{1}{4}$ position on the hook shank and let it hang. This is the location where you will tie-in the comparadun wing.
2. Clean and stack a bundle of comparadun deer hair about $\frac{1}{2}$ the hook gap in thickness. Position it on **top of the hook shank** and tie it in so that **the tips extend forward** beyond the tie-in point (**the $\frac{1}{4}$ point on the hook shank**) by one hook shank length. (This is very similar to tying in a bundled fiber wing post.) Trim the butt ends at an angle and bind them down with thread, keeping the butts on top of the hook shank.
3. Now lift the hair upright and build a thread ramp in front of the hair to make it stand upright. Hold the hair tightly with your left hand while you build the ramp to keep it on top of the hook shank. When you release the deer hair, it will flare to the sides of the hook shank. Use your fingers to preen the hair to the sides, forming a 180 degree arc over the top half of the hook shank. What will result is a “fan” of deer hair over the top of the hook shank with no hair under the hook shank.
4. Wrap the thread back to the hook bend and tie-in a sparse piece of z-lon or antron as a tail. Ensure that the tail stays on top of the hook shank. Bind down the butt end of the tail back to the butt of the wing post. Trim off the excess tail material. **(The tail should be one hook gap in length.)** Return the thread to tail tie-in point.
5. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered abdomen and slightly enlarged thorax. When you reach the wing, crisscross the dubbed thread under the wing **(do not pull the dubbed thread too tightly when crisscrossing under the wing, as this will distort the wing fan)**, then continue wrapping the dubbed thread to within 3 thread wraps of the hook eye. Remove any excess dubbing from the thread.
6. Form a small thread head, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement (optional).