DEER CREEK CADDIS



Recipe

Hook.....Scud/Pupa, size 10 - 12 Thread.....Chartreuse, 6/0 or 8/0

Body......Chartreuse UTC wire, medium, covered with UV resin or epoxy

Rib.....Olive peacock herl

Hackle.....Grizzly hen hackle, dyed olive

Wing.....Natural CDC

Antenna/Horns.....Pheasant tail fibers

Thorax.....Diamond Brite dubbing (or equivalent), bronze peacock

Head.....Thread

- 1. Attach the wire about 1/3rd of the way down the hook bend and wrap it forward in tight touching turns to about an 1/8" behind the hook eye and trim it off. Make sure the wraps are tight with no gaps. If there are gaps, use your fingernails to push the wraps together. Cover the entire wire body with a light coating of resin and treat it with a UV light to set it.
- 2. Tie in the thread at the rear of the wire body and wrap down the bend for 5-6 wraps. Let the thread hang.
- 3. Select a peacock herl and tie it in at the end of the thread wraps by the tip (be sure to cut off the first 1/2" of the herl to assure you avoid the weakest part of the herl) with the length of it going out behind the hook bend. Cover the peacock herl butt with thread wraps back to end of the wire body. Remove any excess herl and palmer the thread in even wraps to the front of the body like a rib. Let the thread hang.
- 4. Now coat the entire wire body and the thread tag behind it with a light coating of UV resin, then palmer wrap the peacock herl in slightly spaced wraps (similar to the thread wraps going up the body) up the wire body and through the resin to the front of the body and tie it off. This should create the effect of body segments. Remove any excess herl and treat the entire body with a UV light to set the resin.

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- 5. Select a hackle feather and tie it in tight against the front of the body. Stroke all the hackle fibers back and wrap it forward for three wraps and tie it off. Remove any excess hackle. The fiber tips should reach back to the area of the hook barb. Stroke all the hackle fibers back toward the hook bend and make a few wraps of thread over the butts to ensure that they lay back over the body.
- 6. Select a CDC feather and tie it in on **top of the hook shank** tight against the base of the hackle. The tips of the CDC feathers should reach back over the top of the body to about above the hook barb. Trim off any excess CDC butt and cover any remaining butt with thread wraps.
- 7. Select 2 pheasant tail feather barbs and tie one in at the base of and on each side of the wing. The tips of the barbs should reach back just past the back of the bend of the hook.
- 8. Dub the thread and wrap it forward from the base of the wing to behind the hook eye forming a well shaped thorax. *The thorax should be slightly thicker than the body*. Remove any excess dubbing and form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the head, if desired.