

SPARKLE DUN EMERGER (photo from Slide Inn Online Fly Shop)



Recipe

Hook.....size 14-22 TMC 100 (down eye 1XF dry fly)

Thread.....UTC 70 brown or black

Wing.....bleached coastal deer hair (light color deer or elk) (can also use regular comparadun deer hair with a darker body)

Shuck.....rusty brown or brown z-lon

Body.....pale yellow superfine dubbing

1. Start the thread at the first third of the hook shank. Trim the tag free.
2. Stack a small clump of deer hair to even the tips.
3. Making sure to not release the deer hair, measure about one shank length and tie in the deer hair at this one third point with the tips facing the eye of the hook.
4. Cut the butt ends and wrap through the butt ends to secure the deer hair wing.
5. Draw the deer hair up and back and take a few wraps in front of the hair to stabilize the wing vertically.
6. Jump the thread backwards behind the wing.
7. Cut a small clump of z-lon and tie it in at the base of the wing.
8. Secure the z-lon by wrapping backwards toward the bend of the hook. Clean up any stray fibers if necessary.
9. Create a thin dubbing noodle and wrap forward to the wing.
10. Dub the thread more if necessary, pull the wing backwards, then wrap the dubbing noodle in front of the wing to form a small head.
11. Create another dubbing noodle and take wraps right against the front and back of the wing to reinforce it.
12. Wrap thread forward to behind the eye and whip finish.
13. Fluff the deer hair wing to ensure even spacing and the look you want.
14. Trim the z-lon shuck to half the length of the hook.