

Fly of The Month April 2008 - Elk Hair Caddis

Hook: Fine wire, dry fly hook, size 10 to 20

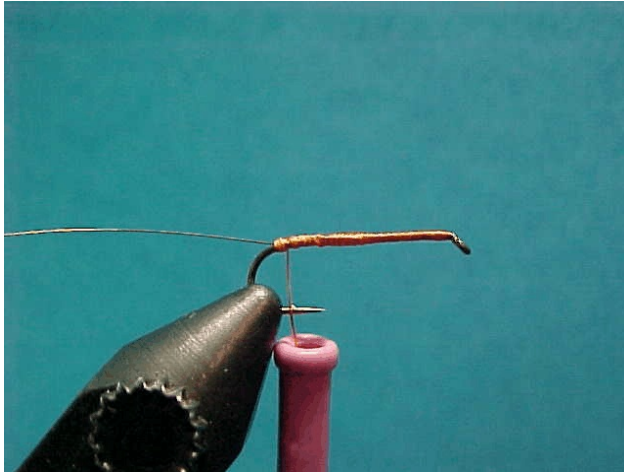
Thread: 6/0 Tan

Body: Super fine dubbing. Color to match the hatch... Olive to Tan.

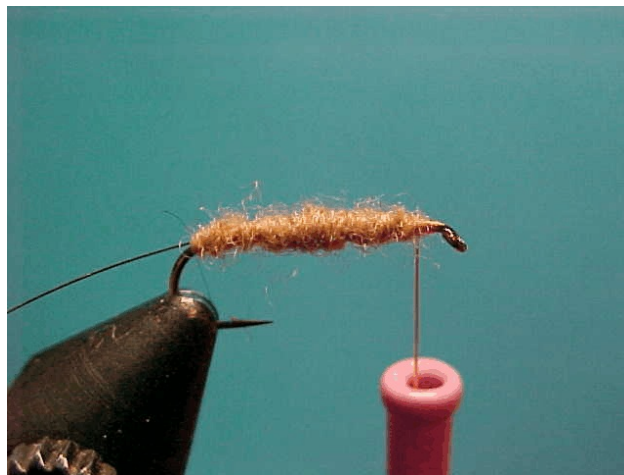
Rib: Extra Fine gold/copper wire.

Hackle: Brown. Match the hackle size to the hook.

Wing: Elk hair



Picture #1. Start your thread behind the hook eye and wind down the shank toward the bend. Tie in the wire and leave a 4" section beyond the bend.



Picture # 2. Dub the thread and form a tapered body forward. Stop 1/8" short of the eye.



Picture # 3. Prep the hackle feather and tie in the stem at the front of the dubbed body. Wrap two times over itself and then palmer it back about 5 wraps toward the wire at the bend of the hook.



Picture # 4. Hold the hackle tip out over the back of the hook and tie it off with about 3 tight wraps of the wire. Continue to wrap the wire through the hackle to the front "tie in" point. Tie off the wire with the thread.



Picture # 5. Select a pinch of elk hair and remove the under fur. Place it in a hair stacker and stack the tips to make them even. Pinch the elk hair and hold it on top of the hook shank with the tips even with the top of the hook bend. Tie it in at the front of the body keeping it on top of the hook.



Picture # 6. Lift the butts of the elk hair and wrap a head at the hook eye. Whip finish the head.



Picture # 7. Trim the elk hair butts on an angle and apply head cement to the thread windings.

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