

BAETIS FOAM-BACK SPARKLE DUN

HOOK:

Dai-Riki 125 wide-gap emerger

hook, sizes 14 to 20.

THREAD:

Olive or gray Gudebrod 8/0 or 10/0.

WING:

Natural dark elk (cow) or elk dyed

dark dun or black.

SHUCK:

Olive Z-Lon.

RIB:

Dun 6/0 or 8/0 thread.

BODY:

Fine olive dubbing.

BACK:

Triangular strip of olive 1 mm or

.5 mm Razor Foam.



Cement the shank of the hook and create a thread base. Clean and stack a clump of elk hair. Tie in the hair behind the hook eye a distance equal to one quarter the length of the shank. Wrap in front of the wing to prop it upright; the wing should be as long as the shank of the hook.



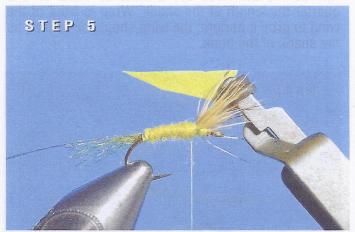
Tie in a shank-length shuck of Z-Lon. Butt it up against the butts of the elk hair for a smoother body.



On the far side of the hook shank, tie on a doubled strand of 6/0 or 8/0 dun thread for the rib.



Dub a sparse, tapered abdomen up to the wing.



Cut a triangular piece of thin foam for the back. At the big end, it should be equal to about one third the width of the hook gap.



Secure the foam behind the hair wing with thread wraps. The tip should extend even with the back of the hook bend.



Twist the two strands of dun thread together and rib the body to secure the foam to back of the fly. Tie off the rib. Trim the tip of the foam so that it is even with the bend of the hook.



Dub in front of the wing to make the head and keep the wing upright. Make one sparse wrap behind the wing to cover the thread wraps. Whip-finish and cement.



The finished fly.