

# Missing Link

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## Materials Needed:

Hook: TMC 900

Thread: 8/0 olive dun or tan

Rib: Pearl Krystal flash

Thorax: Black or Black Peacock Ice Dub

Spent Wings: Dark Dun Z-Lon

Hackle: Grizzly, Dun, Brown, Cree, Ginger, etc

Wing: Natural Yearling Elk Hair



Start the thread about a third of a shank length back from the hook eye and tie in a single strand of pearl krystal flash.

Wrap the thread back over the flash to and slightly beyond the bend of the hook, then return the thread to the starting point building a slightly tapered abdomen as you go.



Spiral wrap the flash forward five to seven turns of ribbing, depending on the size of the hook.

Dub a short length of Ice Dubbing into a small ball at the front of the abdomen. This thorax should slightly overlap the front of the abdomen. Wrap the bare thread forward and back again forming a thread base for the wings.

Divide a strand of Z-Lon in half tie the strand in at the middle of its length at the front of the thorax on the far side of the shank.



Pull the other end of the Z-Lon back on the near side of the hook and bind it in place with a few tight turns of thread. The wings should slope back, separated by the dubbed thorax.

Leave the wings long for the moment so you can more easily get them out of your way later.



Prep a hackle feather by stripping the barbs from about a half shank length of stem.

Tie the hackle feather in on the far side of the shank with the inside of the feather facing up.

Clean and stack a small clump of elk hair and measure it to a shank length long.



Tie in the elk hair on top of the hook, tighten the thread to flare the elk hair. The elk hair should be tied slightly in front of the thorax so there is some bare thread on the shank between the dubbing and the base of the hair.

Lift both the elk hair tips and the butt ends upright and make a post.



Wrap the hackle feather 4 to 5 turns around the base of the elk hair, parachute style, with each succeeding wrap below this first turn and tie off, whip finish behind the eye. Clip the thread.

Separate the butt ends of the elk hair wing from the tips, the butts should be much longer than the tips, clip into a short, Elk Hair Caddis style brush head.

Clip the Z-Lon spent wings at the bend of the hook.

Adjust the elk hair wing angle so it slopes back 45 degrees over the fly.

