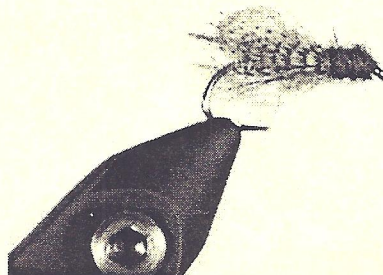


# LaFontaine Deep Sparkle Pupa \_\_\_\_\_ by Clarence Butzbach

Steps tied by Clarence Butzbach, Photos by Chuck Wilcox

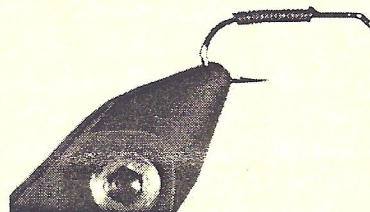
What the angler presents as a caddis pupa to feeding trout is not a pupa in actuality but a stage referred to as a *pharate adult*, a fully formed adult insect encased in a transparent covering or cuticle. This covering keeps the insect dry and acts as an inflatable bag. Once the insect escapes from the cocoon, the cuticle begins to fill with gas and the insect begins its migration to the surface. This final stage of development will be shown next month in the LaFontaine Emergent Caddis, a winged version of this month's pattern.



The first drifting stage is imitated by the LaFontaine Deep Sparkle Pupa, and it is tied as follows:

## Materials

Hook: Daiichi 1180, TMC 100, Mustad 94840, weighted  
Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0  
Overbody: Sparkle Yarn (Antron). Primary colors are Gold, Olive, Brown, Amber  
Underbody: One-half fur and one-half sparkle yarn  
Hackle: Lemon wood duck flank fibers  
Head: Brown marabou or dubbing



## Tying Sequence

1. Weight shank of hook with lead wire.
2. Fray one end of the sparkle yarn and tie it in at the bend of the hook. Trim the stubs over the shank. Leave the frayed end dangling off the rear of the hook.
3. Repeat the procedure. Tie down a second piece of yarn to the bottom side of the hook bend. Both pieces of overbody need to be sparse.
4. Dub  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the shank with the dubbing mix. Pick out to make it shaggy.
5. Pull the top strands forward and spread the strands evenly and sparsely over the top of the underbody. Tie down the strands in front of the underbody.
6. Repeat the procedure with the bottom strands. Before trimming the excess, pull the overbody looser with a dubbing needle.
7. Tie in a few strands of wood duck along the lower half of the fly on each side of the hook.
8. Dub a head of brown dubbing or tie in four or five strands of brown marabou. Twist the marabou clockwise around the thread and wind the covered thread to the eye.
9. Whip finish and cement well.

