

LaFontaine Emergent Sparkle Pupa _____ by Clarence Butzbach

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This is the last stage before the appearance of the adult Caddis insect. We have covered the larval stage and the deep pupal stage in the previous Fly of the Month presentations. In the emergent stage, the insect is fully developed within the pupal covering and is now ready to become an air breathing entity. The tying sequence mirrors the Deep Sparkle Pupa with the omission of the lead wire but with the addition of a deer hair wing.

Materials

Hook: Daiichi 1180, TMC 100, Mustad 94840
Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0 thread
Over-body: Sparkle Yarn (Antron) Primary colors age Gold, Olive, Brown and Amber
Under-body: One-half fur and one-half sparkle yarn
Wing: Deer Hair
Head: Brown marabou or dubbing

Tying Sequence

1. 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.
2. Repeat the procedure and tie in a second piece of yarn on the bottom of the hook bend. Both pieces of the over-body need to be sparse.
3. Dub $\frac{3}{4}$ of the shank with the dubbing mix. Pick it out to make it shaggy.
4. 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 under-body.
5. Repeat the procedure with the bottom strands. Before trimming the excess pull the over-body looser with a dubbing needle. With a scissors point, pull free some the strands of the over-body so that they dangle off the back. On the Emergent imitation this represents the loosening sheath of the emerging pupa
6. Stack and tie in a short wing of deer hair on top of the hook
7. 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.
8. Whip finish and cement.

