

FLY OF THE MONTH- *Blue Wing Olive (Baetis) Sparkle Dun*



Now is the time for olives. Tie these flies in sizes #16 and #18. They are easy to tie but the tier must pay particular attention to choosing the correct wing material. We recommend Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone, MT for their Sparkle Dun wing material. They make the selection for you. Just call and order Sparkle Dun wing material dyed dun.

Recipe:

Hook: Tiemco 100 or Mustad 94840 in size #16 - #18

Thread: 8/0 Olive

Tail (shuck): Olive-brown Z-lon one half to a hook shank in length

Body: Dark olive beaver fur

Wing: Short black tipped deer hair dyed dun

Head: Dark olive beaver fur

Tying Instructions:

1. Mash down the hook barb and tie down the wing at the quarter point with the tips extending over the hook eye; length of wing equal to the length of the hook shank.
2. Force the wing into an upright position by pulling it up and wrapping tying thread in front of the wing base 12-25 wraps forcing the wing to stand upright and fanning 180 degrees Comparadun style. Do not rely on dubbing to hold the wing upright.
3. Tie down the wing butts and advance the thread rearward to the hook bend.
4. Tie-in a sparse tail of Z-lon from one half to one hook shank in length. (Most tiers tend to make the shuck tail too heavy)
5. Dub a fine tapered body to the back of the wing and in front of the wing as a head. Whip finish

Go fishing!!!!!!

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