

Doc Hackle's Fly Corner

Callibaetis Soft Hackle

Hook TMC # 3761/Size #10 to #16
Thread UTC Ultra #70 Denier (Summer Duck)
Tail Wood Duck Flank
Body Ice-Dub UV Callibaetis
Hackle Grey Partridge



STEP #1 De-barb hook, place in vice and then anchor the thread, wrapping it down to the bend. Tie in the wood duck flank using about 5 of the flank fibers at the bend of the hook and then wrap the thread and fibers about half way up the hook shank.

STEP #2 Now double up the thread making a dubbing loop of about 5 inches. Anchor the dubbing loop by wrapping the spool side of the thread back on the dubbing loop back to the tie in point of the tail. Next take a small amount of the dubbing and place it in the dubbing loop and spread it along the loop. Remember less is best. You are going to have a sparse dubbing loop. Next take your dubbed loop and wrap it forward to within 3/16th of the eye of the hook and tie it off.

STEP #3 Take a partridge feather up near the neck of the bird, holding it by the tip, stroke it back towards the base of the feather. Now tie it in by the tip. Clipping the remaining part if the tip off. Now take two or three wraps of the feather forward to the hook eye and tie it off. Next trim the remaining part of the feather off and whip finish the head. Add a drop of head cement to the tie off point and you are done.



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"In fact, the Adams is symbolic of fly fishing itself, a sport that, at its best, mixes the basics of science with dark powers on one hand and bumbling luck on the other. It's a good pattern for flyfishermen who catch trout by suspending belief in any particular system and who don't feel driven to know everything. It's a cowboy's fly, notwithstanding that it comes from Michigan.....for that matter so do pickup trucks."

John Gierach, "Trout Bum"