

## FLY OF THE MONTH –*Iris Caddis*

It is nearly Caddis time and the Iris Caddis is a very effective fly and it is quick and easy to tie. The Iris Caddis represents a stillborn Hydropsyche. In other words this fly represents an emerging Caddis stuck in it's shuck and is lying helpless in the water film. I tie these flies on a Tiemco 102Y in sizes #15 - #19. I think #17 is a perfect size. A Tiemco 100 in size #14 - #16 is an option.



### Recipe:

Hook: Tiemco 102Y sizes #15 - #19

Thread: 8/0 rusty dun

Shuck: Amber Zelon

Body: Hare's Ear in natural tan from the hare's ear mask loosely dubbed and brushed with a dubbing brush giving the fly a disheveled look

Wing: White Zelon. Black and Dun Zelon optional

Head:: Hare's Ear loosely dubbed and brushed

### Tying Instructions:

1. Crush down the hook barb and start the tying thread at about the seventy five percent point and wrap to the hook bend and back up to the starting point.  
2. Tie-in a half strand of amber Zelon and wrap back over the Zelon to the bend of the

hook in smooth tight wraps. Trim the Zelon shuck just short of a hook shank in length.

3. Loosely dub a tapered body back up to the seventy five percent point and try to maintain a sharp shoulder at the front of the body.

4. Wrap the tying thread to behind the hook eye and back to the front of the body. Brush the body with a dubbing brush.

5. For the wing form a loop of white Zelon and place it on top of the body extending rearward to about midpoint of the body.

6. With tight turns bind down the Zelon loop wing in front of the body being sure to keep the loop wing on top.

7. Dub a head of Hare's Ear covering the loop ends and brush creating a shaggy looking head. Whip finish and trim.

Note: The Zelon wing actually represents the gaseous bubble that helps the caddis rise to the surface as it emerges.

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