

FLY OF THE MONTH – *Sledgehammer*



It is nearing the end of the first caddis season and this will be our last caddis pattern. The Sledgehammer was originated in the UK as a stillwater pattern and I have found it to be very effective on streams during caddis activity. Tie some up in caddis green, apple green, hare's ear and fiery brown.

Recipe:

Hook: TMC 2499 SPBL size #16

Thread: 8/0 Tan

Body: Caddis green Flashabou or dubbing

Underwing: Clear Antron or Z-Lon

Wing: Natural deer hair

Head: Natural Nutria or similar dubbing

Tying Instructions:

1. Crush down the hook barb and tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap rearward to slightly down the hook bend.
2. Tie-in the Flashabou and wrap forward up to about a eye length behind the hook eye.
3. Tie-in the Antron underbody extending rearward past the hook bend.
4. Tie-in the wing extending rearward past the hook bend with the tips slightly longer than the underbody.
5. Dub a robust head about 1/4 hook shank length.
6. Whip finish.

Go Fishing! *The Fly of the Month is provided by Bob Foster. Bob can be contacted at bpfooster2@att.net*

