

FLY OF THE MONTH - *Blue Wing Olive Sparkle Dun*

It is fall and the Olives are on the water. The BWO Sparkle Dun is easy to tie. The most challenging step is tying in the wing and that success is based on the selection of deer hair. The key factors for a good wing material are: the hair must be hollow but not coarse. Proper deer hair should also have the

shortest black tips possible. Good sparkle dun hair comes from whitetail deer harvested in cold climates early in winter. If you have difficulty obtaining the proper deer hair I recommend Compara-dun hair or sparkle dun hair available from Blue Ribbon Flies.



Recipe:

Hook: Tiemco100 or equivalent sizes #16 - #18

Tread: 8/0 olive to match the body

Wing: Sparkle Dun hair dyed gray or natural

Shuck (tail): Zelon, olive brown

Body: Medium - dark olive beaver or rabbit fur dubbed

Tying Instructions:

1. Crush down hook barb.
2. Lay in thread at wing position about 3/5 the hook shank from the bend.
3. Select a bunch of deer hair fibers and measure them to be a hook shank in length.
4. Tie wing in at the wing position with two loose wraps of thread with the tips extending beyond the hook eye.
5. At the completion of the second wrap apply a firm downward pressure splaying the wing 180 degrees at right angles to the hook shank. Make 5 or 6 tight turn of thread behind the wing . Trim butt ends at a bias.
6. Pull wing upward 90 degrees to the hook shank and make sufficient number of wraps in front of the wing to hold it securely in the upright position. (12 - 25 wraps) Do not rely on the body to hold the wing upright.
7. Wrap thread to the rear of the wing and tie in the Zelon shuck advancing the thread rearward to the bend. Trim the shuck slightly shorter than the hook shank length.
8. Dub the tying thread and wrap a tapered body forward to the back of the wing.
9. Wrap the dubbed body under to wing and up to behind the hook eye, Trim and whip finish.

Go fishing!