

Gary La Fontaine's "Dancing Caddis"

As Tied by Barry Morris



MATERIALS:

HOOK: Standard dry fly #14 - #18

THREAD: 6/0 Black, Tan or Olive to match the body

BODY: Olive or Tan Dubbing

WING: Natural or Tan Elk Hair

COLLAR: Grizzly, Tan or Brown hackle feather

HEAD: Thread

TYING INSTRUCTION

This fly is unique in that it is tied with the hook inverted. This is really effective because none of the fly is below the surface of the water.

Gary La Fontaine was the "King of the Caddis Flies" and this pattern is one of his simplest and most productive.

1. You start by putting the hook in the vise inverted (barb up).
2. Tie in behind the eye and wrap back to just a little past the point of the hook.
3. Apply the dubbing to your thread and wrap toward the eye forming a slender body.
4. Tie in a small clump of elk hair for a wing with the tips extending to about the back of the hook. Make sure to leave room at the eye for the hackle collar. Bind down the butts and tie in your hackle feather and form a nice collar.
5. Whip finish a neat head and clip the thread. Trim the bottom side of the collar even with the body and you are done.

This is a KILLER!