

Fly of the Month #1- May 2017

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PMD Sparkle Dun

May fly hatches predominate much of the year's fishing and provides challenges for the tier replicating the huge number of species on the water in different seasons. So, one can learn the plethora of patterns specific to each hatch or hope to find something that might fit the bill with only size and color variations. The Sparkle Dun series from Blue Ribbon Flies hits the mark. Not only does it accurately represent the emerging stage of May flies it's easy to tie and calls for simple materials. I tie sizes from #22 for Scotties Midges all the way up to #10 Green Drakes. The keys to it's success is incorporating the Zelon trailing shuck and deer hair wing radiating 180 degrees from the shank. It floats well and is relatively easy to see – more benefits. It's important to select deer hair with very short, hollow tips to facilitate flaring and provide good flotation.

Adams Cripple

Hook: #14 – 18 standard dry fly hook

Thread: 8/0 Unithread, light olive or tan

Tail/shuck: Zelon dyed mayfly brown

Abdomen: PMD dubbing

Wing: Deer hair, flared 180 deg around hook shank

Head: Tying thread

