

February 2019 Fly of the Month

OLIVE CADDIS LARVA

By Warren Johns

thread: 6/0 or 8/0 white or near white and same size in black

hook: suitable caddis style hook sizes 12-18

bead: black tungsten

abdomen: white fluorescent floss built up to form a tapered body overlaid with olive or olive-brown micro tubing

thorax: black rabbit or antron

INSTRUCTIONS

1. slip on the tungsten bead
2. tie in the tubing along the hook shank down to the bend
3. tie in the UV floss at the bend and wind up to the thorax, forming a tapered body
4. wind the tubing up to the thorax while stretching it to form a ribbed body
5. tie off white thread and switch to black thread
6. spin the black dubbing on the thread to complete the thorax
7. tie off and whip finish
8. if desired, coat the abdomen with head cement

Note on hooks: almost any curved nymph hook will do, but I prefer an Orvis bead head 2xl or curved 3xl nymph hooks. Both have straight eyes.

This pattern is meant to imitate some of the free living species of the genus *Ryacophila* that are ubiquitous in streams throughout North America.

This pattern can be fished dead drift either singly, as a double nymph rig, or as a dropper under a dry fly. I've found it to be an effective searching pattern at almost any time of the year.

