

## Fly of the Month

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### OCTOBER CADDIS

#### Materials

**Hook – TMC 5263, 3XL, 2XHVY, #10**

**Thread – UTC Ultra, 70 denier, Orange**

**Body – Senyo's Fusion Dub, Flame**

**Underwing - Orange calf tail (Alternate underwing – Root Beer Crystal Flash or UV Pearl Crystal Flash)**

**Foam Wing and Head – 2mm Fly Foam, Tan. Use River Road Chernobyl (tapered) foam body cutter, small 10-12**

**Wing – MFC Widows Web, Beige**

**Legs – MFC Centipede Legs, Speckled Orange, Medium**

There is no shortage of October Caddis patterns – so why another you ask? Because I can see this pattern! The beige wing makes following the fly easier for older, tired eyes and the beige color seem to differentiate the fly from the inevitable white foam patches floating all around it.

In the interest of full disclosure, I have plagiarized this pattern from fellow club member, Jay Melzer. I've made a few changes to his original tie but I doubt that my modifications make my tie any more effective than his original. I was introduced to Jay's pattern last September on the Elk River in B.C. I rowed one afternoon and watched as Jay boated and impressive number of cutthroat using his October Caddis pattern.

Tying this fly is straight forward – start by covering the hook shank with thread and then dub a tapered body to about two eye lengths behind the hook shank. Tie in a clump of stacked calf tail and then the foam Chernobyl body so that the tail of the body is just slightly past the bend of the hook. Tie in the Widows Web wing and trim even with the end of the foam body. Tie down the foam that's forward of the wing tightly up to the eye of the hook and dub that area with Fusion Dub. Bring your thread back to the wing tie in point – fold the foam back and tie in tightly. Dub a very SMALL amount of Fusion Dub on your thread and tie in and trim the rubber legs.

I have been meaning to tie a version with orange or brown hackle palmered over the body but have yet to get around to it – if you tie that version let me know how it worked for you.....