



# “EC CADDIS”

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## MATERIALS

**HOOK:** TMC 9300 or other IXH, size 12-20, or TMC 100 equivalent dry fly hook #22-24

**THREAD:** Olive

**SHUCK/TAIL:** Amber Antron or fine amber Z-Lon.

**BODY:** Rear half—Brownish dubbing; Front half—Green, yellow or tan dubbing.

**WING:** Elk or Deer hair.

**HACKLE:** Grizzly.

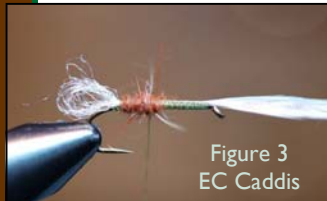


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4. Clean, clip and stack a bundle of deer or elk hair. Position on top of the hook with the butts facing the hook eye as shown. Tie in at the point where the thick body and the thin shank meet. Wrap the hair bundle with tight wraps and move the thread to a position just behind the hook eye. (Figure 4 at right)

Clip the butt ends of the wing hair as shown. Grasp the end of the grizzly hackle, and wrap it around the wing hair by passing it beneath the rear wing and ahead of the clipped butts. Take 3-5 wraps, snugly, but not too tightly or it will elevate the wing to near vertical. Tie off the hackle tip and whip finish.

This is a useful and versatile fly for many occasions. In very small sizes it will imitate midge emergers. During a mayfly hatch, grasp the wing and tug vertical to imitate a mayfly emerger. One of the keys is the two color body which apparently out fishes the one color body, according to the originator, Ralph Cutter.

Tying instructions adapted from “*Tying Emergers*”, Leeson and Scholimeyer, Amato Publications, by permission.

## Tying Instructions

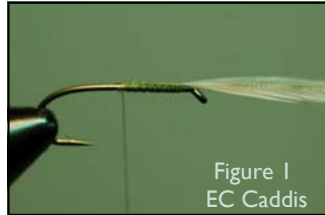


Figure 1  
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1. Attach the thread and cover the front third of the hook shank with thread. Leave the thread a short distance behind the hook eye. Tie in a grizzly hackle feather, shiny side up, with the feather extending over the hook eye. (Figure 1 at left)

2. Wrap the thread to the tail just above the hook barb. Take a few fibers of antron or Z-Lon and fold them in half to form a small loop. Mount the loop and the thread point just above the barb and tie in. The loop can be modified by pulling to size. It should be about one hook gap long. (Figure 2 at right)

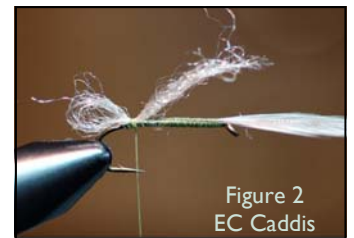


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3. Dub the rear half of the body with a slight taper using the brown dubbing. Dub the front half with the green dubbing, stopping about 1/4 of the shank behind the hook eye. Very lightly dub the remainder of the shank to help the wing fibers adhere. Wrap the thread back to the 1/4 shank position (Figure 3 at left)



Figure 4  
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Done!