



“Peeking Caddis”

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Tied and photographed
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MATERIALS

HOOK: TMC 200, size 10-16 (to match natural)

THREAD: Uni-Thread, Tan, 6/0

WEIGHT: .015 lead wire

BODY: Insect Green or Tan Ultra Chenille (to match natural)

HEAD: The head is formed by melting the ultra chenille..

LEGS: Dry fly hackle, color to match natural, tied collar style.

CASE: Gray and Brown Hare’s Mask or synthetic dubbing.

The Peeking Caddis, which imitates a cased caddis, is a pattern that has been around for years. This pattern is tied with the head of the caddis larva at the bend of the hook instead of at the eye. It can be tied with or without weight. The dark-colored head is formed by melting the ultra chenille and if necessary colored with a black marking pen. The color of the case varies depending on the material available to the caddis larva. Here I use gray and brown hare’s mask dubbing. It is really easy to tie. Fish it dead drift when there are caddis larvae drifting in the water.

Tying Instructions

1. **(Photo 1)** Here I used a size 14 hook and 15 wraps of lead wire. Wrap the thread from just behind the hook eye back to the bend and just above the barb and cover the lead wire.



2. **(Photo 2)** Tie the chenille on top of the hook at the hook bend and above the barb, with the head facing the rear and about one hook-gap of chenille between the tie-in point and the head. Tie the chenille to the hook neatly all the way up to the tag end, and then back to the tie-in point.



3. **(Photo 3)** Select a dry fly hackle with barbules about as long as the amount of chenille projecting beyond the tie-in point. tie off.



3. **(continued)** Strip the barbules off the left side (as the feather faces you) and tie it in by the tip with the butt facing rearward, right at the point where you tied in the chenille. Grab the butt of the feather in your hackle pliers and wrap 3 wraps of feather. Tie off and clip.

4. **(Photo 4)** Dub a generous amount of hare’s mask dubbing (alternating colors) and wrap back to just behind the hook eye.



5. **(Photo 5)** Whip finish, apply head cement, and you’re done. .

6. **(Photo 6)** Give it a try and good luck.



You’re done!



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