

FLY OF THE MONTH -*Sulphur Sparkle Dun/Comparadun*



April May and June are Sulphur months on most of our local streams including the South Holston. Either the Sparle Dun or the Comparadun make excellent dry fly imitations in sizes #14 and #16. The difference between the two patterns is the tailing material. The Sparkle Dun pattern calls for a Zelon trailing shuck and the Comparadun pattern calls for split tails - your choice. The key to tying this pattern as well as any the deer hair wing. The tips must be hollow to flair properly.

Recipe:

Hook: TMC 100 or 5210 sizes #14 and #16

Thread: 8/0 Primrose

Wing: Natural deer hair or deer hair dyed dun

Tail/Shuck: Sparkle Dun brown straight Zelon / Comparadun medium dun hackle fibers or dun Microfibetts

Body: Sulphur orange or pale yellow of Beaver or Superfine dubbing

Tying Instructions:

1. Prepare a thread base for the wing one-third shank length behind the eye of the hook.
2. Cut a bunch of deer hair from the hide and clean it thoroughly by combing out the underfur and short hairs.
3. Align the tips in a hair stacker.
4. Holding the bunch of hair on the top of the hook extending out over the hook eye exactly one shank length.
5. Attach the wing with gradually with rearward turns of thread. 8 -10 turns should secure the wing.
6. Trim the wing butts with a gradual taper. Advance the thread forward to the front of the wing.
7. Grasp the wing tips and pull them rearward building a wall of thread in front of the wing.
8. Spread the wing in an 180 degree arc around the top half of the hook.
9. Wrap the tying thread to the bend and dub either a small ball if tying a Comparadun or the Zelon shuck if tying the Sparkle Dun.
10. For the Comparadun tie-in a bunch of tailing fibers on the far side of the ball equal to the

shank length.

11. Tie-in an equal number of fibers on the near side of the ball. Split the tails widely
12. Dub the body and wrap to immediately behind the upright wing. Leave a very slight space and do not force the wing forward.
13. Push the wing slightly rearward and dub the remaining abdomen to keep the wing upright.
14. whip finish and trim.

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