

FLY OF THE MONTH

THE CICADA



The Cicada is a great fly for the Green River in May. Although the naturals only hatch every 2-17 years, the trout seem to hit them even in the years that they are not hatching. Dead drift them over a seam or drop off. They also make a great strike indicator if you're dropping a soft hackle or partridge and green.

HOOK: Dry fly 2X long size 6-8 (TMC 5212)
THREAD: Black 3/0
BODY: Black foam strips
ABDOMEN: (Optional): Orange Dubbing
THORAX: Black dubbing
WING: Blonde elk hair and rainbow crystal flash
LEGS: Black rubber legs

1. The foam comes in 1/8" sheets. Cut it in 3/16" strips (I us a paper cutter) and cut a point on the end.
2. Wrap the thread back to the bend of the hook.
3. Tie on the foam body with the pointed tip hanging over the bend of the hook, and then take a couple of wraps in front of the foam material.
4. Dub the orange abdomen forward about 2/3 of the shank length.
5. Pull the foam over the abdomen and tie down at this point. Wrap thread forward over the foam and hook shank to within one eye's length from the eye of the hook.
6. Dub the thorax back to the abdomen. (This should be a buggy dub.)
7. Stack the elk hair and tie in the wing. Then tie in 6-8 strands of crystal flash.
8. Pull back the foam, tie off at the wing and trim the excess leaving a short nub.
9. Tie in the rubber legs on each side and trim so that they are about 1/2" in front and back.
10. Whip finish and go fish.

