
FLY OF THE MONTH

Kaufman's Sparkle Caddis Pupa

Black Biot

Photo and recipe by Norb Spitzer, August 26, 2008, notes by Lucky

- Hook:** Light wire, wide gape, scud or emerger hook, TMC 2487, Mustad 80250BR, Daiichi 1130, Size 16, 18, 20
- Thread:** Black 8/0
- Body:** Black (or green) Goose biot over thread base. (Rib side is out)
- Over body:** A strip of white/clear/sparkle yarn = Antron. I use about one half of a strip as it comes off a standard spool.
- Wings:** Thin mallard breast strips, separated as short emerger wing buds
- Hackle/legs:** Partridge well marked, tied as a beard.
- Head:** Black Marabou



Kaufman's Black Biot Sparkle Caddis Pupa is one of the flies Norb Spitzer recommended for Hot Creek at Mammoth Lakes in the Eastern Sierras. The small dark black or olive caddis was a good choice in late August and should work into September and October. Norb notes that it should be fished as a dry fly in the film when the fish are rising to emerging caddis right at dusk or during any caddis hatch. The Antron sparkle yarn represents the gas filled exoskeleton or shuck of the emerging caddis. The pattern shows the well segmented abdomen of the caddis more distinctly than the similar full Antron bubble, Gary La Fontaine's Sparkle Emerger.

Remove the barb and mount a TMC 2487, light wire, curved emerger hook in the vise. Attach the black thread behind the eye with a jam knot and wrap a tight thread base to mid shank. Select a small strip of clear/white sparkle yarn, about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a standard yarn of spooled Antron for the size 18 nymph. Attach one end at the mid shank, pull tight and over wrap with black thread well into the bend. Let the Antron hang to the rear as you attach a black goose biot by the tip. Look at the little notch at the base of the biot to help you pick the side of the biot with the ridge. If the notch is to the right, a biot wrapped clockwise should have the visible ridge. Notch to the left produces a

smoother segmented body more like a quill body style. (Either way will work.) Advance the thread to the $\frac{3}{4}$ shank point and follow with the biot. Secure the biot with three tight wraps of thread and trim excess biot.

Gary La Fontaine teaches to run a comb through the Antron fibers before pulling it forward to make the bubble of sparkle yarn. Randall Kaufman's pattern only has the Antron bubble on the top side. Pull the yarn forward and make two soft pinches of thread at the $\frac{3}{4}$ shank. Slip your bodkin needle under the band of yarn and pull back slightly to form a larger, puffy loop. Now make a few tight wraps of thread to secure. Trim off the excess yarn. Form emerging wing buds by attaching two thin slips of barred mallard flank on top of the hook shank at the $\frac{3}{4}$ mark. The wings should be only 3 or 4 fibers each and relatively short to the hook bend or less. Add a beard of 6 to 8 well marked partridge fibers for legs. The tips should just touch the hook barb. Cover the butt ends of the mallard and partridge with one or two strands of black marabou dubbed onto the tying thread. The marabou fibers will create a thorax with some movement. Secure and trim excess. Form a small head with a three wrap whip finish. Apply a small drop of head cement to the thread wraps.

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If you added two strands of Antron, one on top and one on the bottom, you change this pattern into Gary La Fontaine's Sparkle Emerger. Gary uses a shorter wing bud and dubbing for the thorax. If is tied on the heavier version of the curved hook TMC 2457 and weighted, it becomes the Deep Sparkle Emerger that is fished along the bottom. Norbert recommends both patterns tied with the black biot body in size 18 for Hot Creek in August and September.

