

Fly of the Month – February 2021

WD-40 Midge

I tie a lot of flies. I like tying new and different flies. I, also, carry a lot of flies on the river. However, I still find myself tying on the same go-to flies every time I hit the streams. This is one of them. It is genius in its simplicity, super durable, very versatile, and a proven fish catcher everywhere it is thrown.

Materials

- Hook: Your favorite scud hook Size 16 – 20 (preferably barbless)
- Thread: 12/0 Veevus Olive
- Tail/Wing Case: Lemon Wood Duck Flank
- Body: Tying Thread
- Thorax: Grey Muskrat dubbing

Tying Steps

1. Pinch down barb on hook, and secure hook in vise. Start thread 1/3 back from the hook eye and advance to hook bend using touching wraps.
2. Tie in a tail of 6-8 wood duck fibers about as long as the body and wrap down using even touching thread wraps to form an even, smooth body ending where the thread started.
3. Leave the butts of the wood duck fibers for the wing case and pull back to leave room for the thorax.
4. Dub a rather prominent thorax of the muskrat dubbing between the body and the hook eye.
5. Pull the wood duck fibers over the thorax and secure just behind the eye.
6. Form a neat head with thread, whip-finish, and trim thread.



I like to fish this as a dropper behind either a dry fly when fishing near the top, or behind a heavier nymph when fishing deep. It mimics small mayfly nymphs and midges alike. It can be tied in olive, tan, gray, and black – all with the same wood duck tail and wing case and gray thorax.

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