

Fly of the Month, March

Hook: Dry fly hook size 14 to 18. Photo sample was tied on a Mustad #94840 size 14

Thread: Uni-thread 8/0 cream color

Tail: Cream hackle fibers

Body: Sulphur orange dubbing

Post: White Hi-Vis

Hackle: Cream color rooster hackle

Parachute Sulphur

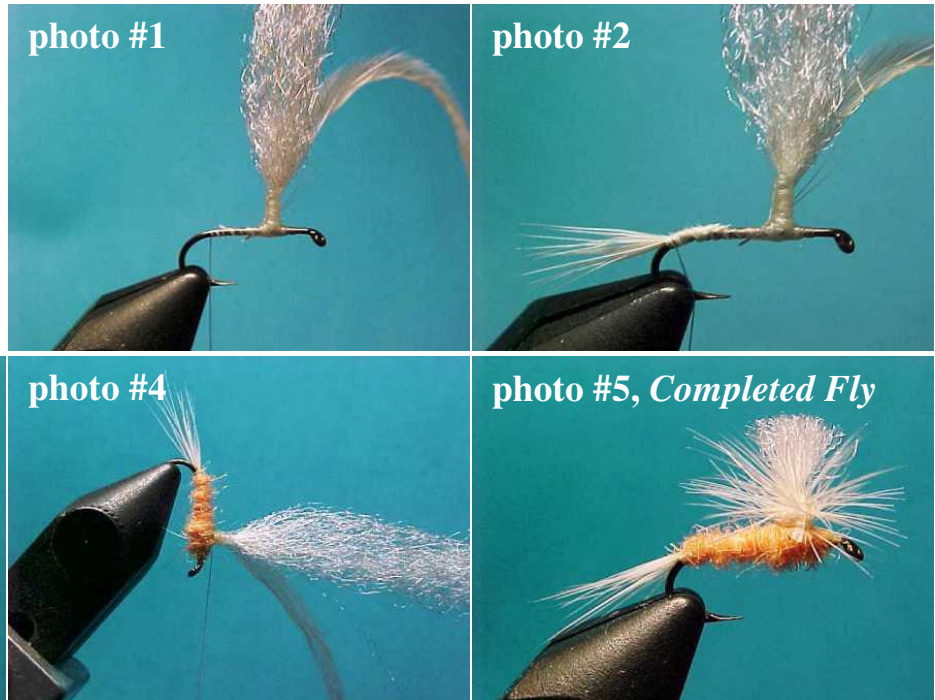


Photo # 1 Tie in a base of thread on the hook shank. Bring the thread to the forward 1/3 point of the shank. Double over a small pinch of Hi-Vis and tie it in on top of the hook. Wind the thread around the base to form a solid post to a position about 1/8" up the Hi-Vis. Add a small drop of head cement, or similar fast drying glue, to add support to the post base. Tie in the cream color hackle feather at the base of the post for later. Wind the thread down the hook shank to the point where you will tie in the tail.

Photo # 2 Tie in about a dozen hackle barbs for the tail.

Photo # 3 Dub in a tapered body to the eye and leave the thread at the post.

Photo # 4 Remove the hook from the vise and move it to a vertical position.

Photo # 5 While the hook is still in the vertical position, bring the hackle feather 1/16" up the post and spiral wrap downward 5 wraps to the dubbed body. Tie off the hackle feather to the lower post and trim off the excess. Whip finish the thread around the base of the post and trim off the excess. Flip the hook back to the normal position in the vise and trim off the post to a 1/4" above the hook. Add a small dab of head cement to the thread to complete the fly.

This fly is one of the patterns to take to the "Little J" on the June trip. Orvis states, "It is an eastern hatch that occurs in mid- to late May, generally occurring in the late afternoon and evening."

I tied it in a size 14 to show up best in the photos. It is most productive tied in a size 16. Take along a few size 18 also. The dubbing color was tied with an orange sulphur dubbing and is likely to match the sulphur hatch in PA. The Sulphur can be tied in a yellow dubbing and is the match to other eastern streams.

The trick of rotating the hook to the vertical position is something I learned at the BUFF show in Cincinnati. Wayne Samson and Glenn Weisner of the Glenn River Fly Company showed that by rotating the hook in the vise, you can wrap the hackle and tie off the feather on the post in the same direction as if you were tying off to the hook shank. You can also whip finish to the post with ease while the post is in the horizontal direction.

I have displayed the final picture in the normal lock in position. The only reason was to bring the fly back to the normal position is to clean up the fly of any stray fibers and display the completed fly.

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