

Sparkle Dun Mayfly



And a March Brown version



How about a Green Drake?



Or a Sparkle Dun Callibaetis



Materials

Hook:	Dai Riki 305, #12 – 20 or any dry fly hook
Thread:	8/0 brown, tan, yellow (PMD), olive dun or black
Tail:	Zelon – mayfly brown, olive brown, dun
Body:	Superfine dubbing to match insect
Wing:	Sparkle dun or comparadun deer hair, natural or dun

Directions:

1. Start thread behind eye of hook and wind halfway down hook shank, then halfway back towards eye. This is the proper tie-in point for deer hair. Placing thread on the hook in this manner prevents deer hair from spinning.
2. Clean and stack a bundle of deer hair. (check Sparkle Dun Deer Hair comments below – using wrong deer hair won't allow hair to flair, the major reason tyers have problems with this fly).
3. Proper wing proportions should be length of hook.
4. Extend tips past hook eye and tie in with two **loose** thread wraps. Pull straight down so deer hair flares. Do not let go of butt ends and wrap 8 – 10 times evenly toward tail to firmly secure hair. Trim or tear butt ends. (If hair rotates around hook shank, use fewer fibers. Very important to wrap on thread base.)
5. Tie in hank of Zelon for tail, matching ends with deer hair to create body taper. I use 1/2 to 1/3 of hank for size 14 and 16.
6. Move thread to back of deer hair.
7. Sweep deer hair backwards to allow hair to stand straight up. Thread should be immediately behind deer hair. Sweep 1/3 of hair back and place 1 thread wrap securely in place by pulling straight down. (you'll see hair flair and stand up). Sweep next 1/3 back and place 1 thread wrap securely in place and pull straight down. Sweep last 1/3 back and place 2 – 3 wraps at base of deer hair. This technique allows minimal thread wraps to stand deer hair up without a thread dam.
8. Wrap thread to hook barb.
9. Attach **THIN** amount of dubbing and wind forward, leaving one thread wrap behind deer hair (if you don't, it will force hair forward). Bring dubbing directly in front of deer hair and begin figure eight wraps around hair. The first wrap behind hair, you'll feel it snug tightly and force hair straight up. Remember, **THIN** dubbing will work better to create tapered body.
10. Whip finish behind hook eye.

The Sparkle Dun Mayfly is a style of fly that can be used for any mayfly. Coordinate the thread and body color.

Fly	Size	Shuck color	Body color
Baetis	#18 – 24	Gray	Grayish-olive
PMD	#14 – 18	Brown	Yellowish-olive
Flav	#14 – 16	Brown	Olive
Green Drake	#10 – 12	Brown	Olive, ribbed w/yellow thread
Brown Drake	#10 – 12	Light brown	Tan, ribbed w/brown thread
Trico	#18 – 22	Brown	Black or olive. Use white deer hair for wing if desired
Callibaetis	#14 – 18	Gray	Gray or tan
Epeorus	#14 – 16	Amber	Yellowish-olive
Drake Mackerel	#12 – 14	Brown	Tan, ribbed w/brown thread
Mahogany Dun	#16	Brown	Mahogany

Source: [Fly Patterns of Yellowstone, Volume 2](#) by Craig Matthews & John Juracek

Other notes:

- Sparkle dun deer hair from [Blue Ribbon Flies](#)
- Zelon – Mayfly brown most common color
- Watch Craig Matthews [tie a PMD Sparkle Dun](#) Mayfly

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