

Mercer's Missing Link



Class: Dry Fly – Caddis & Mayflies

Matches: Designed to match a crippled caddis but works for mayfly cripples as well

Originator: Mike Mercer

Source: The Fly Shop
See Tying Recipe

Clay's Notes

Mike Mercer was the very first employee hired by The Fly Shop in 1978, and he's been working there ever since. The Missing Link pattern was originally tied to imitate the crippled caddisflies on the Sacramento River, but anglers have discovered its effectiveness in many other situations. It makes a great mayfly-cripple imitation, too, and fish seem to eat it even when there aren't a lot of bugs on the water.

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Hook: Standard dry-fly hook (here a TMC 100), size 12-18.
Thread/abdomen: Olive, 6/0 or 140-denier.
Rib: Pearl Krystal Flash, single strand.
Adhesive: Head cement or similar.
Thorax: Peacock-color dubbing.
Spent wings: Midge Gray straight Zelon.
Hackle: Cree.
Upper wing/head: Bleached elk hair.

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