Barr Emerger



Clay's Notes

The Barr Emerger should be a "Go To" pattern for most any mayfly hatch. The idea behind this pattern, according to John Barr, is to imitate the adult insect creeping out of the nymphal shuck. This pattern is meant to be fished below the surface, anywhere from stream bottom to an inch under the surface. Fish the Barr Emerger down along the bottom with a split-shot on the leader, or as a dropper fly in a Hopper/Copper/Dropper system. I've got a row of them in my "Lower Yuba Box" in different colors to match our local mayflies.

Barr Emerger Tying Recipe

Hook:	TMC 2487 or 2488 #16-24
Thread:	8/0 Iron Dun
Tail:	Brown Spade Hackle Fibers
Abdomen:	Olive Brown Super Fine Dubbing
Wingcase:	Dark Dun Spade Hackle Fibers
Thorax:	Grey Muskrat or Beaver Dubbing
Legs:	Leftover tips of wingcase fibers

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