

Olive Quill Dun



Class: Duns - Mayflies

Matches: Blue Wing Olive (Baetis) Duns

Originator: A.K. Best

Source: See Tying Recipe

Clay's Notes

A.K. Best may be best known as a cohort and fishing friend of John Gierach. A.K Best is a creative fly tier that has taken the usage of quill bodies to an art form. His patterns are some of the most imitative flies available for almost any hatch. Quote by AK Best. "A long-standing assumption is that dry flies must be hackled with stiff dry-fly hackle. If that's so why are the No Hackles, Comparaduns, and Hen Wing Spinner patterns so effective? Granted, these three patterns were designed to be fished in relatively smooth water, where stiff hackle fibers aren't required to keep the fly suspended on the surface".

Olive Quill Dun Recipe

Hook: Your favorite dry-fly hook, #16 through 20

Thread: Light green 8/0.

Tail: Medium dun spade hackle fibers, length to equal hook length

Body: One stripped and light green dyed rooster neck quill.

Wings: Pair of medium dun hen hackle tips.

Hackle: Two turns of light ginger or cream hen hackle.

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