
FLY OF THE MONTH

Potter's "Pearl Trude" Caddis Emerger, in size 12, 14 or 16.

Umpqua Fly Company 2006

Hook: Dry fly, light wire. TMC 100, Mustad 94831
Thread: Brown 8/0
Tag & Body: Pearl Krystal-Flash, or lime green
Hackle: Red / Brown stiff saddle or neck hackle, palmered
Wing: White poly yarn or Antron
Thorax: Peacock herl
Hackle: Red / Brown or darker Coachman brown



The Pearl Trude in size 14 and 16 was a good fly on the Green River, Utah during the early morning or late evening brown caddis fly hatches, June 24th to July 10th, 2008. The white poly yarn post helps to make this fly more visible than a dark brown Elk Hair Caddis or small flat wing caddis... When the caddis flies are emerging in the near dark at 9 PM you appreciate the little patch of white. It was responsible for some of our 19 inch brown trout on the Green. Lucky Ketcham

De-barb and mount the hook in the vise. Attach the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base to above the barb. Wrap the thread back to the $\frac{3}{4}$ shank position. Select a single strand of Pearl Krystal Flash 5 inches long. Attach one end on top of the hook shank. Make a half hitch to secure the thread at the bend. Form an attractor "tag" by wrapping the pearl flash down to half the hook bend and then back to above the barb. Tie down with several thread wraps, but do not cut off. Select a brown saddle hackle or rooster neck with barbs only the length of the hook gap, not the normal $1\frac{1}{2}$ hook gaps. Attach the hackle at the bend and advance the thread to the $\frac{3}{4}$ shank point... Let the hackle hang to the rear of hook as you wrap the pearl body. Continue wrapping the pearl flash over the brown thread body up to the $\frac{3}{4}$ shank position. Attach the end with a few tight thread wraps and trim excess. Create body segments by palmer wrapping the rear hackle in open spirals over the pearl body. Five or six wraps are sufficient. Secure the hackle with three tight

wraps of thread and trim the excess. Cut a V- in the top of the hackle to let the trude style wing lay flat.

Add a white poly or Antron yarn wing. The small flies 14 and 16 will only use one strand of a three strand polyester yarn. The short emerger wing is attached at the $\frac{3}{4}$ hook shank in a down wing, or flat wing "Trude-Style." Keep the wing on top of the hook shank with several soft pinch wraps, taking care not to use thread torque to pull it to the far side. Use two different sized hackles on this pattern. The body hackle would have short barbs, 1 hook gap or less and the front hackle would be $1\frac{1}{2}$ hook gaps. Attach a dark brown hackle in front of the wing, but do not wrap it yet. Form the thorax by attaching a single peacock herl in front of the wing, wrapping it and the thread to the hook eye. Secure and trim excess herl. Wrap the brown hackle with 5 or 6 touching turns to simulate the legs and help the fly float. Secure with three tight turns just behind the hook eye and trim excess hackle. Make a small head with a three wrap whip finish. Trim the white poly wing to end at the bend of the hook or shorter. Apply a small drop of head cement to the thread and to the pearl tag for durability.

You can substitute a lime yellow green color Krystal Flash and this pattern becomes the famous "Lime Trude." You can fish it behind a large attractor pattern like a Cicada or hopper. A little twitch movement sometimes triggers a hit on this caddis pattern.

