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# FLY OF THE MONTH

## Two Caddis Flies to Learn

**Net-spinning Caddis** (*Hydropsyche*, *Ceratopsyche*). This is a filter feeder that creates small cone shaped nets to trap plankton. It is very important in the tailwaters below dams and found in shallow fast moving waters. The nets are on the top and sides of cobblestones where the worm is very available to trout. It does not build a protective case except to pupate. It looks very much like the larger free living caddis species which are normally predators. Anglers call both families *Green Rock Worms*. (Damn common local names are confusing. LK)



Emergence: April into summer

Suggested patterns: #16-#20 Olive Crawling Caddis, #16 tan Fox's Caddis Poopah, #14-#16 Bird's Nest, #16 Red Fox Squirrel Nymph, #16 Cream Caddis Pupa, #14-#16 tan or brown Elk Hair Caddis, Brown Parachute caddis with tented turkey wing, or partridge flat wing size 16.

A simple dark olive rabbit fur dubbed caddis, with or without a rib is a great pattern. I would use 8/0 black thread and add black pine squirrel or AK's mink blend for the head and pronotum. 2 to 3 parts black mink, 2 parts brown mink and 1 part olive mink - tease out some guard hairs for legs and movement. The photo looks like Hare's Mask for the head front. Note the thin ice cream cone body shape. It is fatter than a midge & mayfly.

**Green Caddis Larva** (*Grannom Caddis Brachycentrus*) Mother's Day Caddis is an important cased caddis on many rivers, especially in the tail waters below a dam. It is a filter feeder and grazer that lives on tops of rocks, not under them.



Emergence: March through May

Suggested patterns: #12-#16 Peeking Caddis, #14-#16 olive Bird's Nest, #14-#16 Morrish's Hotwire Caddis, #14-#16 green Deep Sparkle Pupa, #14 Caddis Borealis Soft-Hackle, #14 black Elk Hair Caddis, #16 Peacock Caddis

In size 14 and 16 is a good pattern. I like to tie some on a size 18 hook, either a TMC 200R or the curved caddis pupa hooks like the 2457, 2487 or 2488. The above flies by Carl Pennington were tied with green Antron dubbing or spooled Antron and twisted into a tight dubbing noodle to produce the segmentation. Rabbit or Rabbit with Antron (Hareline's HareTron is good substitute.)

