

The "**Little Spanker**" in Olive.

List of Materials:

Hook - #14 Nymph hook, 2X Long, 2X Strong.

Bead - Tungsten Bomb Bead. 7/64" - Nickel color.

Thread - 6/0 - Olive to match the body color.

Tail - Mallard Barred Flank. Olive.

Body Rib - Silver Extra Small Wire.

Body Material - Medium Holographic Mylar - Olive color.

Wing Accent - Krystal Flash - Pearl color.

Thorax - Fine Dubbing material - Olive.

Hackle - CDC Feather - Dun or Olive.



Photo #5

Photo # 1 Install the bead and form a solid base of thread along the hook shank. Select about 12 tips from the barred Mallard Flank Feather and measure the tips to extend about 1/4 inch beyond the hook bend. Tie them in along the entire hook shank and trim off the excess scrap.

Photo # 2 Tie in the silver Fine Wire along the hook shank to extend about 4" out the tail end of the hook. Leave this for later. Tie in the Holographic Mylar for the entire length of the hook shank with about 4" extending out of the tail of the hook. Bring the thread to the point just behind the bead. Spiral wrap the Holographic Mylar, edge to edge, along the length of the hook shank to the bead. Tie it off and trim off the excess Mylar. Wrap the silver wire with open gaps between to act as a rib for the length of the body. Tie off the excess at the bead and trim off the excess wire.

Photo # 3 Tie in 8 strands of the Krystal Flash along the top of the hook at the bead and bring the thread back about 1/8 inch back from the bead. Dub in a thin tight ball behind the bead.

Photo # 4 Flop the Krystal Flash over the top of the dubbing to form a wing case on top of the hook just behind the bead. Split the 8 strands of Krystal Flash into two sections of 4 each and flop them back over the dubbed ball facing backwards to the tail on either side of the hook. Trim the length of the Krystal flash to match the body length.

Photo # 5 Tie in the tip of a CDC Feather at the bead. Wrap a sparse collar (about three turns) of the CDC while combing it back toward the tail with each turn. Form a head and whip finish at the bead. This is the completed fly.

This pattern can be tied in Red, Silver, Gold, Purple, Olive or Pheasant Tail colors. It's originator is Dan Delekta of Bear Tooth Flyfishing in Montana. The name "Little Spanker" is named after his daughter "Ellie."

It is an extremely productive pattern in the Yellowstone area rivers. I have no doubt that it could be productive anywhere

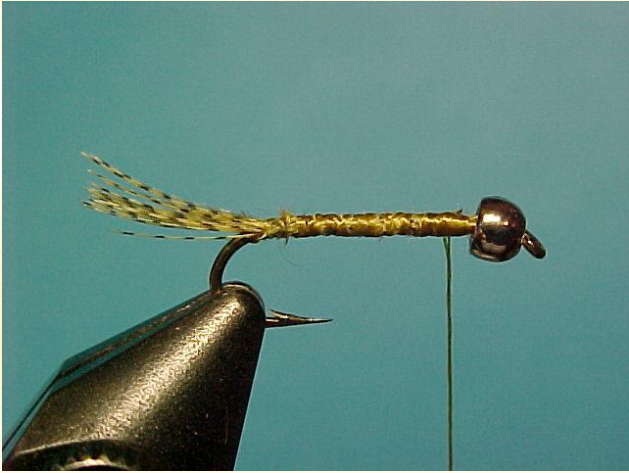


Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3

Photo #4

