

## „CDC & Quill Dun“ dry fly sample for the 17th German Open Fly Tying Championship by Nadica & Igor Stancev

Among many existing, one dry imitation is extremely successful in attracting the trout or grayling to surface. It imitates “mayflies”- up winged flies, especially duns when they just emerged from nymph chuck, they need some time to dry and harden their frail, gentle wings. During this short time they are exposed and easy target for the fish. The fly can be used practically during all the season, from April till October, just changing the hook size, bigger in spring to smaller in summer and autumn.

### “CDC & Quill Dun” - used materials in order of tying:

Hook: dry fly, short shank size 12 or size #14 standard (note: for standard #12 may be difficult to find enough long stripped quill to cover the hook shank)

Thread: brown 16/0 or 18/0, thinner is better; you can make more wraps without change of the shape of the fly.

Tail: spread fibers of Cock de Leon (Pardo-speckled), acceptable option is gray or brown hackle fibers

Body: brown stripped cock's quill

Thorax cover: few strands of brown body thread or polypropylene for parachute wings. It splits the wings slightly to sides.

Thorax: rusty brown dubbing

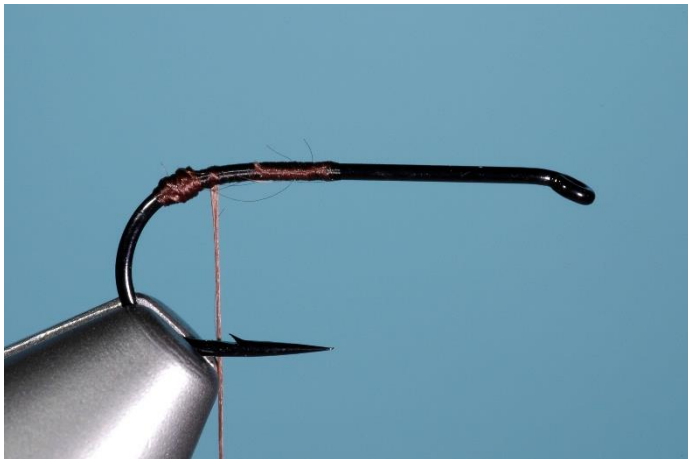
Forewings: CDC fibers in bunch

Front wings: CDC points (tips) with some fine quill in the center, shaped to natural

Head: tying thread, varnished.

### Tying steps:

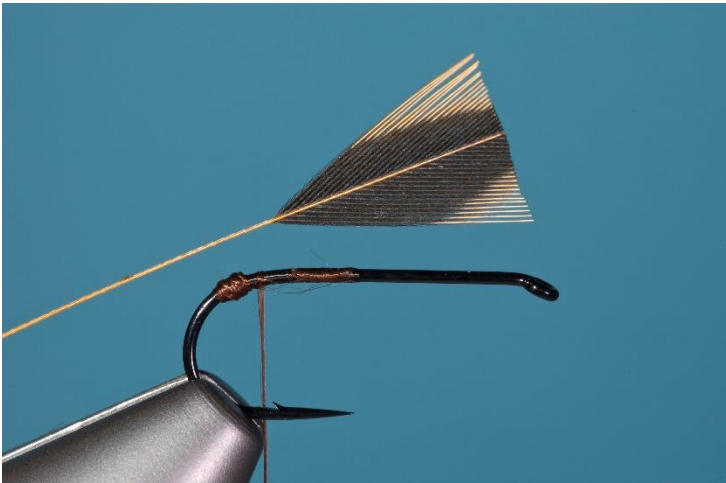
1. Tie on the thread on the hook, spin the tying thread , so it will have round “O” shape-not flat like belt, this will make easier to build small but stable ball which will help to spread the tail fibers.



2. Prepare and strip the fibers of one cock neck feather, leave the hackles at the point unstripped.



3. Cut off the tip of stripped cock feather. Leave some 4-5 mm big triangle. This “underbody” will give later nice, tapered base to abdominal segments.



4. Prepare a bunch of cock's hackle. Cock de Leon fibers or gray or brown hackles, use what you have. Wrap the hackles but not too tight with 1,5 turns of the tread.



5. Tighten the thread close to the ball so the fibers will spread to sides in horizontal plate, secure it with few more turns.



6: Tie the stripped quill with the tip part along the hook shank



7. Cover the abdominal part with tying thread, so result should be smooth surface, slightly tapered base for quill segments. To avoid, prevent braking of the quill, the steam, you can sink in water for few minutes.



**8.** Wrap the quill along the hook shank. Leave empty space for thorax, about 25-30 % of hook shank.



**9.** Tie 6-8 strands of brown body thread or polypropylene, which is much thicker than tying thread.



**10.** Select two similar CDC feathers, 3-4cm long, put them in parallel position and strip the fibers close to the root part. Note: leave 1 to 1,5 cm long point part unstripped for later use and making the front-main wings.



**11.** When you hold the CDC fibers between your fingers, they in line and is easier to trim off the root part.



**12.** Tie the bunch of CDC fibers in the middle of their length, so every fiber appears twice when raised in up position. Now you have enough dense fibers for the forewings.



**13.** Pull back the rear wings and tie both tips of CDC on each side; they will represent main, front wings.



**14.** Apply small amount of dubbing behind and in front of the wings, to form thorax.



**15.** Split the bunch of CDC fibers to equal amount to left and right. Separate (divide) the points of CDC and lie down the bunch of body thread over the thorax. This will separate the wings in “V” position.



**16.** Trim the front wings to achieve natural shape. The length of the front wings, the length of complete body (abdomen, thorax and head) the length of tails should be equal.



17. Make fine head, not too bulky and varnish it. Keep the hook eye clean. If you have submerged the quill in water to soften it before making the body, wait a little before applying the varnish. The varnish will protect the segments and make them more noticeable.



Tying the fly, photos and text

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