

## Suspended Caddis

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You can unleash your imagination and try some novel fly tying using a swimming-nymph hook in a number of different ways. The Daiichi 1770 hook is made of fine wire which is a little unusual for a nymph hook. In an article by Jim Krul (Fly Tyer Spring 2007), he used this hook style to tie a variety of double-fly patterns which help create the impression of a hatch in progress.



The combination of a Rhyacophila Caddis Emerger and an Elk Hair Caddis.

### Recipe:

Hook: Daiichi 1770 12, 14, 16

Elk Hair Dry section:

Thread: Tan Uni Thread 8/0

Rib: Fine silver wire

Abdomen: Hare's ear dubbing

Hackle: medium brown, palmered

Wing: Elk Hair

Caddis Emerger section:

Thread: Black Uni Thread 8/0

Rib: Fine silver wire

Bead: Chartreuse plastic bead

Abdomen: Caddis Green Ice Dub

Thorax: Peacock Black Ice Dub

Wings/Legs: Brown partridge fibers tied divided style along each side of abdomen

Tying Instructions: Insert bead on hook, start thread at midpoint of hook and wrap back to midway on bend. Tie in silver wire rib, wrap tapered abdomen using Green Caddis Ice Dub. Wrap the wire rib forward and secure. Dub a sparse amount of Peacock Black Ice Dub, creating the thorax slightly larger than the abdomen. Trim out the center stem of a partridge feather. Split the fibers along each side - tips to the hook point and tie off. Whip finish. Apply a small drop of super glue and force the bead onto the thorax. If you are making multiple flies, repeat this step before continuing. Wrap tan thread back to just short of bead, tying in silver ribbing wire. Dub the tapered abdomen with Hare's ear dubbing. Tie in hackle feather, dull side facing you near the hook eye. Palmer the hackle back and secure by wrapping the silver ribbing wire forward. Secure the wire. Stack a small clump of elk hair and tie down securely. Clip ends of hair to form a small head and whip finish.



Get creative and try a couple of your favorite nymphs.



Hot butt Caddis  
& a Rhyacophila Caddis Emerger

Caddis patterns from Randall Kaufmann