

Barr's Uncased Caddis Larva

Hook: Daiichi 1260, Tiemco 2320 or equivalent, Size 12 – 16

Bead: Black or Tungsten, sized according to hook

Thread: Black 6.0

Weight: 0.015" Lead or lead-free wire

Tail: Olive Antron Yarn

Ribbing: 3X Monofilament Tippet

Shellback: Speckled Olive Thin Skin

Body: Caddis Green Ice Dubbing

Thorax: Single Strand Black Ostrich Herl



1. Insert a black or tungsten bead on hook. Bead size should be sized to hook. Insert the hook point into the small bead opening.
2. Wrap the shank with lead (or lead-free) wire to about half the shank length. Slide lead edge of wire into the bead. This centers and secures the bead.
3. Tie in thread directly behind the wire, forming a tapered bump. Wrap the thread back to about one third down the hook bend.
4. Tie in a short length of olive Antron yarn for the tail. Tail should extend slightly longer than a hook gap. Secure the Antron with thread along the hook shank. Trim off any excess Antron.
5. Tie in about 4 to 5 inches of 3X Monofilament Tippet for the ribbing. The tag end of the tippet should be secured the length of the hook shank, on the top of the hook.
6. Cut a piece of speckled olive Thin Skin a little longer than from the eye to the end of the tail, cutting a tapered edge on the Thin Skin.
7. Peel the backing off the Thin Skin. Put the shiny side down against the hook shank and wrap it around the sides of the hook.
8. Tie in the Thin Skin. It should form an arched surface.
9. With thread at the bend of the hook, apply ice dubbing to the thread. Apply sparsely in small increments.
10. Wrap dubbing forward to directly behind the bead head. Apply more dubbing as necessary as you wrap forward.
11. Wrap thread back over the dubbing about one quarter of the hook shank. Tie in a strand of black ostrich herl by the butt.
12. Wrap the ostrich herl forward to the bead head, forming a full thorax.
13. Pull the Thin Skin forward over the body, stretching it slightly. It should wrap slightly down the sides of the body. Secure with thread directly behind the bead head.
14. Spiral wrap the monofilament forward tightly forming a segmented body. Be sure to get one wrap in the center of the thorax. Secure the monofilament with several turns of thread. Trim excess monofilament and Thin Skin.
15. Place several turns of thread behind the bead to cover any excess Thin Skin and monofilament and whip finish.
16. Apply head cement.



An alternate pattern is to use beige or cream colored Antron for the tail, with a golden brown Ice Dubbing and speckled tan (or clear) Thin Skin. All other materials remain the same.