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A lot of Elk Hair Caddis patterns are too big and too heavily hackled.

Size is too big for tan caddis. Size 16 is about right and even on #16 hooks, they should not be too heavily dressed.

While heavily hackled flies work great on broken, riffly waters on mountain streams, if you're fishing flatter, slower water, for heavily pressured fish, the fly shouldn't be bushy.

You can just have a few wraps of a smallish fibered hackle towards the front of the fly, rather than palmering the whole length of the body.

Caddis look big when they are flying. But if you look at them at rest, they look much smaller.