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The cress bug patterns shown here are mine and are a version I custom designed (to the extent that anyone can really customize fly patterns). I've had several requests for the recipe of this fly recently. This cress bug is one of a series of flies of mine that I design using craft felt infused with acrylic paint and Softex. The process is complex and takes some time to learn with respect to thickness, tone, and texture. I've got a draft manuscript on these flies that I'll get together someday for publication when some other higher priority FFing projects are complete.

As can be noted, the naturals in this pic are darker. Big Spring has some enormous cress bugs and they (like sculpins) seem to get darker with size. The natural in this pic is over half an inch long and would probably be a size #12. The naturals in this pic also have dark legs. Cress bugs often have legs that are very light colored (so do crayfish) so I usually use white or gray hackle.

I've spent a lot of time gazing at scuds and cress bugs and trying to get my paint mixture to a good match. The pic below shows some of my flies with some naturals from Letort.

**Attach file:**



**Cressbugs2.jpg** (155.17 KB)

