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> nymphingmaniac wrote:
> all very good for a beginner and you have nothing to feel bad about sharing for feedback. The zonker is quite good. Some may feel the rabbit strip is a bit long, but that's personal preference.
> quite the contrary to your opinion on the PT, it is not too skinny, it's just right. The other nymphs are too fat IMO. The thorax/wing pad on the BHHE is too small- think about 1/3-1/2 the size of the entire fly
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> Loose the legs on the PT and build the thorax up a little bit. If you feel the need for legs, make them less thick and stubby. Many believe, and I have observed this in fishtanks, mayfly nymphs pull their legs into their body when they drift/swim. The legs become prone only when they cling to substrates. The amount of tail on the PT could be reduced. It's hard to tell from the photos, but it looks like you did not twist the PT fibers while wrapping. I prefer to do this as it makes it easier for me to control the profile. But not all do it this way.
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> With the exception of the "head", which tends to be a shade darker, the color on scuds is fairly uniform. I would suggest not using the dark tail and antenna on it.

I didn't see your comment earlier. Thanks for all the feedback! I modeled the hair's ear on one that I purchased, but I would definitely believe you if you said it was too fat. Same with the shark's caddis. What other materials could I use for the tail and wing casing?

Also I saw some recipes that called for the legs (actually, I was thinking they were supposed to represent emergent wings) and some that didn't. I'll have to try it without.

Do you use the antenna at all on scuds, or just match the color to the rest of the body?

I've never actually seen the bugs that these nymphs are supposed to imitate in person. I guess learning about them would help to inform my tying a bit. Maybe I'll invest in a small net and go see what's in my local stream...