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Re: CDC Trico Comparadun

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Foxgap239 wrote:

Question, do you clip the wing and then figure 8 or figure 8 and clip each side separately?

Great question. It really depends on a few things - like when I'm tying them, how many I need, and what materials I have at hand.

To start the fly, I like white "tailing feathers" from Nature'sSpirit, 2 times the shank length and splayed.

Then, it depends upon the quality of the CDC, meaning the density of the fibers on the stem.

If I'm using the "top shelf" (I am currently biased to TroutHunter), I will use one feather and tie it in as if I was using a synthetic. Once I have the first figure8 in, I will slide the feather on the "far side" to the right length then bind it with another (tighter) figure8. The less wraps, the better.

Once the thorax is dubbed (Nature'sSpirit trico blend) and the head whipfinished, I cut the near side to the same length as the far side. I tend to leave them a bit on the long side, and trim them while fishing if necessary.

If I have a ton of time to tie (winter) and I'm just "restocking", I will tie each side in with a separate (and matched) feather. A pain in the ass, but it looks great. But, honestly, the fish don't seem to care which way I tie it in.

When I'm stuck with less than stellar CDC, I will either use 2 feathers (on the stem) and tie them in together (much more bulk in the thorax this way) or I'll strip multiple feathers while aligning the tips if possible) and get a proper amount of fibers, then tie the bunch in and cut the near side. This method tends to give a narrower wing, so more fibers are needed to achieve the same float quality and profile, but it adds bulk to the thorax which is not a good thing in a small fly. Tricos have a wider profile in the thorax area, but not that much. You can get away with a little, but not a lot.

If I'm in a pinch and I run low on flies (usually happens to me on a multiday trip - I am a triconut), then I'll crank out a dozen in an hour by just skipping the tails and tying in one or two feathers across the shank. Once the fly is finished, I'll pull the wings straight up and cut them at the same time to the correct length - about one or one and a half the shank length.

I hope you understand all of my gibberish.