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The Elk Hair Caddis has been a very well tested and proven pattern for a long time. Of the many different materials used for wings on Caddis dry flies I still think that natural elk hair is very hard to beat for keeping the fly floating. Lately I have had a lot of success fishing the EHC for native brookies and wild browns. My confidence level in this fly has gone through the roof. It has basically become my go to dry fly. Here in PA we have a lot of very consistent caddis hatches on many streams so they are a good bet over a large portion of the season. I have been playing around at the vise tying up some different variations of the EHC. Here is one I tied tonight. It is a CDC and Elk with a peacock herl body. Figured it would create more movement than a conventional EHC with a bit of flash from the peacock. Here is the materials list.

Hook - Mustad 94833 (light wire) size 14

Thread - 6/0 Black

Body - Peacock Herl

Hackle - Dun colored CDC feather

Wing - Natural Elk Hair

These are a very quick tie. I think my CDC may be a little long but it can always be shortened up while on the stream if needed.

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