

# FLY OF THE MONTH

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## CDC Midge Adult



**Originator:** Rene Harrop

**Hook:** TMC 5230, Mustad 94833, sizes 14 – 20

**Thread:** Black 8/0 prewaxed

**Body:** Stripped black ostrich herl, or color to match natural

**Wing:** White CDC feather

**Legs:** Black CDC feathers

**Thorax:** Black dubbing

The CDC Midge Adult is presented in Jim Schollmeyer's book, [Hatch Guide For Lakes](#).

### STEP BY STEP DIRECTIONS:

1. De barb the hook if needed. Mount the hook in the vise and attach the thread about a half eye length behind the eye. Wrap a thread base to the rear and bring the thread forward using adjacent wraps as in Figure 1. Flatten the thread as you wrap the base.
2. Prepare the black ostrich herl by stripping off the fibers. Figure 2 shows a black ostrich herl and several stripped herls. Stripping may cause a thin layer of the stem to peel away with the fibers which will leave the herl stem thinner and easy to break. Take care when wrapping the herl to form the body.
3. Attach the tip end of the herl to the hook (slightly on the backside) near the front and wrap the thread down to the rear binding the herl stem to the shank as in Figure 3. Trim the herl waste as in Figure 4.. Take the thread back to the front.
4. Carefully wrap the herl stem forward using flat side by side wraps. Trim the waste as in Figure 5. You can reinforce the herl by using either a coat of head cement or "Clear Goo" set with a UV light as in Figure 6 . If you use head cement, be sure to let it dry before adding the wing.
5. Select a stem or two of white CDC feather. Even up the tips and mount the CDC wing on top of the shank as in Figure 7. You can make one wrap under the back of the wing to prop it up a little.
6. Select a black CDC feather and pull the fibers forward along the stem. This feather will be tied in on the bottom to represent legs. You don't need too many fibers. Mount the black CDC on the bottom of the shank as in Figure 8. Trim the wastes as in Figure 9.
7. Spin a sparse amount of dubbing onto the tying thread as in Figure 10. Wrap a thorax in front of the wing position as in Figure 11.
8. Form a small head. I put two sets of three whip finish wraps to form the final head as in Figure 12. Seal the head with head cement. Bel sure to clear the eye if needed.

Fig. 1



Fig. 2





Fig. 3

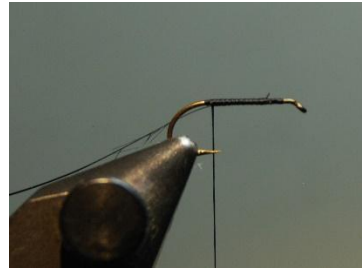


Fig. 4

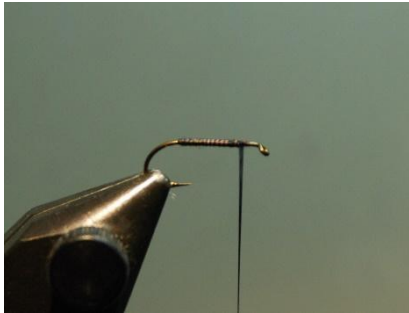


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Fig. 11



Fig. 12