

Bunny Dun Midge Version By Kent Toomb

The Bunny Dun was originally tied by Jim Cannon of the Blue Quill Angler in Colorado. This is a version with a twist to the snowshoe rabbit foot hair used for the wing. Bryan Hostetler added the material Polaraire to the mix. The result is a material that floats like a cork and is very visible. I fish this pattern down to a size 26 and it is amazingly visible. If you like to use a dry dropper this fly will float a small beadhead.

By changing the color of the thread you can cover BWO's, PMD's and Baetis. I use Frog's Fanny dry powder to float the fly. I like the brush applicator because it lets you work the powder into the fibers.



Size 18 – 28

Recipe

Hook: Dry Fly 18-28

Thread: Veevus 16/0 Black (Match thread to bugs)

Wing: Snowshoe Rabbit Foot with Polaraire fibers blended in

Body: Thread covered by clear micro tubing.



The first step is to make the wing material. Take a natural snowshoe rabbits foot and cut the hair from the bottom of the foot. Then cut hanks of different colors of Polaraire about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. Combine in a coffee grinder.



Next place the hook in the vise and start your thread at the eye and wrap rearward to the point of the hook. Advance the thread forward to half way between the point of the hook and the eye.



Now take a small amount of the wing material and orient the fibers in the same direction by pulling it apart several times. Once the fibers are oriented spin the fibers between your fore finger and thumb. This will be your tie in point for the wing. Tie this in the same way you would a post for a parachute but don't wrap up the post.



At this point leave the wing laying forward and then tie in the clear micro tubing. Tie the micro tubing back to the bend of the hook. Advance your thread to the back of the wing. Now wrap the micro tubing forward to the back of the wing making touching wraps and then tie off but don't cut it off.



Next pull the wing back and advance the thread to in front of the wing. Build up a thread dam and a taper to the eye of the hook. Wrap the micro tubing in front of the wing a couple of wraps and tie off. Whip finish the head. Trim the wing to the desired length. I like to make the wing the length of the body.

Give it a try. Happy Fishing.