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FLY OF THE MONTH
"The Cluck'n Baetis"



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The Cluck'n Baetis is a Cluck'n great Baetis pattern. I developed this pattern on the San Juan River and it has proven to be a staple in a tailwater scenery. As a Turkey hunter I wished to use more of the bird so I developed this pattern. Traditionally I still tie it with feathers from what I harvest. Its name also stems from a technique of calling in turkey which is "Clucking and Purring". It can be tied from Size 18 - 24 depending on your home waters. It is a modern Semi-Realistic Baetis pattern that incorporates

life-like gills and just enough flash to catch the attention of picky trout. If you have any further questions DM me on Instagram @TheAmericanFlyTyer or search TheAmericanFlyTyer.com. If you tie this pattern, tag me and use #TheClucknBaetis ! Hope you give it a shot!

Tying Video: <https://youtu.be/14VJfH6BH4w>

MATERIALS

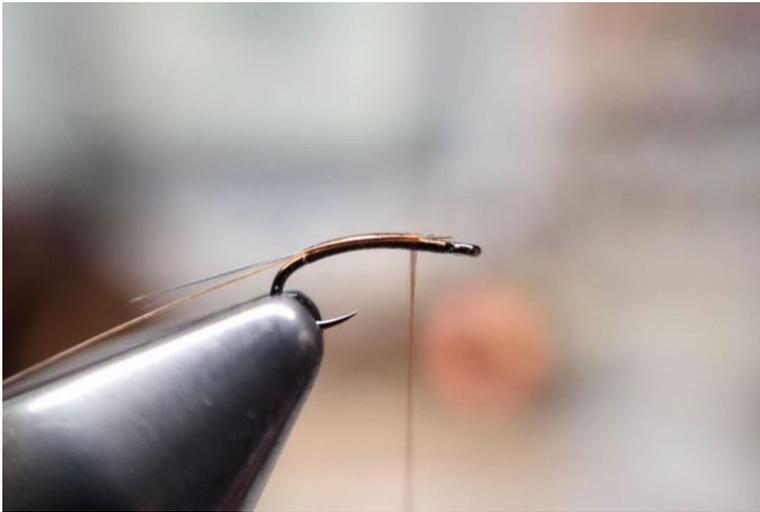
- Hook:** Firehole 718 Size 18-24
- Thread:** Semperfli Nanosilk 18/0 (Copper)
- UV Resin:** Deer Creek Diamond Fine
- Tails:** 2 Microfibets (Black)
- Rib:** Hairline Ice Thread (Brown)
- Gills:** Turkey Wing Feather
- Wingcase:** Fluoro Fibre (Black)
- Legs:** Fluoro Fibre (Black)
- Flash:** UTC Pearl Medium Tinsel (Ice Blue)



1. Attach your thread near the eye (18/0 Semperfli Nanosilk, Copper)



2. Tie on two Microfibbets at the top of the hook and take them rearward towards the bend of the hook



3. Tie in a piece of brown Ice Thread monofilament on the side of the shank closest to you with a few tight wraps then advance your thread towards the eye of the hook making touching turns of thread. This will help keep the slim profile of the fly.



4. Tie in a single plume of Turkey Primary Wing Feather on each side of the shank.



5. Carefully while continuing to keep them on opposite sides of the hook and with touching wraps secure them down the shank towards the rear of the hook and then advance your thread towards the eye of the hook.



6. Begin with one single wrap underneath both fibers before making open spiral wraps of Mono towards the eye, trapping the turkey fibers on either side of the hook. Take your time on this step as the turkey can become brittle. Tie off your mono behind the eye of the hook with a few wraps and carefully remove the excess material. At this point you can add a whip finish to secure your work. Make sure to take a few breaths or enjoy a cold drink, at this point the hard part is done!



7. Tie on UTC pearl Medium Tinsel (IceBlue) on top of hook shank and advance your thread towards the 2/3 point of the hook just before the hook point while maintaining the Tinsel on top of the shank.



8. Tie in 12 strands of Fluoro Fibre on top of hook shank at the 2/3 point of the hook just before the hook point



9. With the materials tied in begin the process of building the thorax, this is done with repetitive wraps of thread in the thorax area until the shape of a football is achieved.



10. With your thread at the eye of the hook pull over the fluoro fibre and capture it with two securing wraps of thread.



11. Separate the strands of 12 into 6 and latch the closest 6 to the side of the hook closest to you with 2 firm wraps. Repeat this process on the opposite side.



12. Pull the Tinsel over the back and tie it in close to the eye. This will be used as the wingcase of this pattern. At this point you can whip finish and remove your thread. With a drop of Deer Creek Diamond Fine Resin applied to a needle, coat the wingcase and cure the resin with the legs pulled down underneath the fly. Trim the legs while being pulled down at the point of the hook and your Cluck'n Baetis is ready to fish.

Editors Notes: Comments from the editor.

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