

# The Universal Baetis Duck's Dun

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*The Universal Baetis Duck's Dun (UBDD) is not exactly as Charles Jardine's original Duck's Dun. Instead it is a version that works for Large Dark Olive's(LDO) from the start of the season, that catches fish right until the end of seasons olives, devised and used to devastating effect by Dave Collins of Moccas, Hereford.*



*In 1997, Han's Van Klinken and Leon Links created the Universal Baetis, an excellent parachute pattern with a specific body colouration.*

*Dave Collins has combined this body with the hackling style of Charles Jardine but added a CDC wing, resulting in a superb pattern shown to me by Louis Noble at one of the club's tying sessions.*

*With modifications it can also be used to represent the Later Olive upright, Large Brook Dun and March Brown.*

*Fish it as a single Dry fly or in combination with a nymph on a floating line.*

*Grateful thanks to David for designing it and Louis Noble who introduced me to it. Cheers guys's.*

## Dressing

Hook	Fulling Mill All purpose light wire size 16 (also in 14 & 18)	Body & Thorax	Fly-rite No 42 Dark Olive Brown dubbing
Thread	Tan 8 ought or Sheer 14 ought	Rib	Pearsall's gossamer silk 6a (Orange gold)
Tail	Dark Brown Cock hackle fibres (Red game or Badger)	Wing	3-4 Natural CDC plume tip's, tied fairly flat (cocked)
Butt	Fly-rite No 17 Golden Brown dubbing (small but visible)	Thorax Hackle	Over thorax- Medium Dun or Medium Brown Dun(short in the web) trimmed to a "V" underneath.



### Step 1

Set the hook in vice (ping it) and catch on Tan tying thread.



### Step 2

Remove the excess tying thread and select 10-12 Cock hackle fibres (align tips up and tear from stalk).



**Step 3**

Using the “pinch and loop” technique, catch the cock hackle fibres ON TOP of hook shank with 2 turn’s of thread



**Step 4**

Using the same method, catch in the ribbing material (also ON TOP of hook shank).

*Tip: Tying thread will “pull” fibres and ribbing around and over the hook shank as you wind, so using finger and thumb, keep adjusting the fibres and ribbing to keep them ON TOP of hook shank.*



**Step 5**

Using touching turns bind both the cock hackle fibres and ribbing material down the hook shank to a point above and between the hook point and barb.



**Step 6**

Dub on a “SMALL” amount of No 17 golden brown fly-rite dubbing (note a little goes a long way)...



**Step 7**

...and dub on the butt



**Step 8**

Secure and remove excess dubbing then dub on the fly-rite No 42 Dark olive brown onto tying thread and dub rest of body up to thorax area



**Step 9**

Secure and remove excess, along with excess cock hackle stubs and ribbing material



**Step 10**

Wind ribbing material, in open turns (approx 6) and in opposite direction to dubbing, up to thorax area and secure



**Step 11**

Remove excess ribbing material and tie in 3-4 CDC plumes, secure with half hitch and remove excess CDC



**Step 12**

Prepare medium dun cock hackle by cutting 4-5 fibres on each side to form a "comb"...



**Step 13**

...and tie in cock hackle (shiny side facing you)



**Step 14**

Wind cock hackle, 4-5 turns, up to eye and secure



**Step 15**

Remove excess cock hackle and whip finish...



**Step 16**

....to form a small neat head and varnish head



**Step 17**

Trim hackle underneath in the shape of a "v". (Note in picture I have over trimmed the underside of hackle as this gets fly to sit deeper in the surface film). My apologies to Dave, as he advises trimming into a "V" shape underneath.

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**Front view of fly**



**Other side of fly**



**The finished fly**

**Dave has two further patterns he ties in the Duck's Dun style to represent Pale wateries and Spurwings**