

The Olive CDC Shuttlecock (Dry)

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This is a dry fly that has caught me many trout on my favourite reservoir Llyn Clewedog.

Most of the time little work is required, simply cast it out on a floating line and long leader, keep in touch with a VERY slow retrieve and let the wind do the work for you.

There are many variations on the theme, quill body, dubbed body but this is one of my favorite's and easy to tie.



Dressing

Hook	Kamasan B 100 size 10 to 16	Thorax Cover	Some tiers have the CDC as the thorax cover or shell-back
Thread	Olive Uni thread 6ought/8 ought or Sheer	Rib	Olive flexi-floss
Wings	4 or 5 Natural CDC feathers	Body	Olive tying thread
Thorax	Olive hares fur dubbing		



Step 1

Secure the hook in the vice (ping it), and catch on the Olive tying thread...



Step 2

...running tying thread down hook shank, in touching turns, to base of thorax (approx one third of hook shank) and remove waste.



Step 3

Using “pinch and loop” technique catch the Olive flexi-floss/ Spanflex on top of hook shank.



Step 4

Hold tying thread taugt and stretch the flexi-floss...



Step 5

...then keeping flexi-floss under tension run the tying thread down hook shank around bend.



Step 6

Tip : Lifting the flexi-floss as you go,down the hook shank, will keep the tying thread in close touching turns.



Step 7

Return the tying thread back up hook shank to thorax area...



Step 8

...stretch the waste tag at the thorax area...



Step 9

...and remove(it will spring back under wraps).

Tip : Putting in a whip finish or couple of half hitches at this stage stops everything unraveling.



Step 10

Stretch tag of flexi-floss at bend and under tension wind it, in open turns, back up to thorax area (gradually loosen tension on flexi-floss as you wind).



Step 11

Whip finish and remove waste tag of flexi-floss (as before).



Step 12

Select 4 to 6 CDC feathers (depending on size of hook used), and align tips by placing one on top of the other.



Step 13
Advance tying thread to eye...



Step 14
...and using "pinch and loop" technique catch in the bunch of CDC.



Step 15
Trim the CDC butts with scissors...



Step 16
...at an angle, parallel with hook shank...



Step 17
...and bind down butts.



Step 18
Dub a nodule of Olive hares fur onto tying thread...



Step 19
... and form thorax.



Step 20
Lift CDC at eye and whip finish by eye of hook.



Step 21
Remove tying thread and put a dab of varnish on thread whippings.



The finished fly



The other side



Same fly but with a
litebrite/glister thorax

IF YOU WISH TO TIE CDC AS THORAX COVER (continuing from step 11 Pic)



Step 23

Using "pinch and loop" technique, catch in the CDC butts (this time in reverse).



Step 24

Trim the CDC butts with scissors...



Step 25

...and bind down the butts.



Step 26

Dub a nodule of olive hare's fur onto tying thread...



Step 27

...and form thorax.

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Step 28

Pull CDC plumes forward and secure with tying thread.



Step 29

Lift CDC at eye and whip finish by eye of hook. Remove tying thread and add a dab of varnish to whippings.



Step 30

The finished fly with CDC thorax cover / shell-back.



The other side



Same fly with lite-brite / glister thorax.