



May Tyer Of The Month

Featured Member Tyer

Tying Experience

Dan Walker



I began fly fishing in the late 60s for bluegills and small Bass. My high school fishing buddy introduced me to Wisconsin Trout. After a couple of years of college I spent a couple of years living in Yellowstone and fishing the backcountry, primarily with dries and streamers. I moved to Michigan for the Steelhead, but also fished the PM, South Branch and Tippy

Dam tailwaters for Trout. I fished with dries, soft hackles, and streamers. For dries, I started out with Elk Hair Caddis and the pheasant tippet tail Adams but took up the Klinkhamer style when I found that more versatile and effective.

The Klinkhamer Emerger

This style of fly is a very reliable dry fly. It suggests a mayfly dun emerging above the surface film, from the nymph shuck hanging below the surface. At this moment the bug is an easy target, neither able to fly nor swim evasively. The tan abdomen is the generic color of most mayfly nymphs and the thorax can be dubbed of the adult's color. Many tiers keep the peacock thorax and choose the abdomen color to match the adult. Some mayflies that emerge in the surface film are; Blue Wing Olives, Hendricksons, Sulfurs, Brown Drakes, Ephrons, Hexs. I suspect it will work in a Caddis hatch also. I will have materials for the standard pattern on a Dai-Riki 125 #12, a Klinkhamer hook #10 and a #6 Smallmouth Huron Hex version with a foam waking head.



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Klinkhamer Emerger



HOOK: OrientSun 7018 #6 to 14; Klinkhamer Style for Larger sizes - Dai-Riki 125 #12 to 16; Shorter shank, Wide Gap for Smaller sizes

THREAD: 8/0 Uni in any natural color; 6/0 for Large sizes

BODY: Tan dubbing or Thin yarn

POST: White or Grey synthetic fiber - Stiff and Glossy is best

HACKLE: Cree, Brown, Grey - Depending on the bug

THORAX: Peacock Herl

TOOLS: Hackle Pliers

