

Rackelhanen Caddis Pattern

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Here is a fly pattern developed in Sweden around 1967. The best thing about this pattern is that it catches trout and costs next to nothing to tie. It is made 100% from poly yarn. As we know, poly yarn does not absorb water. False cast the water out and you are ready to go. You can purchase five yards of poly yarn under \$2.00. Fish this as you would any caddis pattern.

Hook: Size 10 to size 18 dry fly hooks.

Thread: 8/0 to match the color of poly yarn used.

Body: Poly Yarn in colors White, Light-Yellow, Golden-Yellow, Light-Orange, Green, Red, Grey, Lt-Grey, Purple, Lt-Pink, Black, Chartreuse, Med-Brown are the colors available mix and make different shades.

Cut 1/8 inch pieces and blend the material. Touch dub tacky waxed thread and use a dubbing loop to hold it together.



Wrap a tapered body and leave enough room for the wing and head of the fly.



Tie the wing material on the far side of the fly.



Now tie the wing material on the near side of the fly.



Wrap a collar of the same dubbed body material.



Trim the wings to the desired shape.



The underside view.



The topside view.

