

Blue Wing Olive Cripple:

Hook: Mustad 94840 Size 16-20

Thread: Tan 70 denier

Shuck: May fly brown

Abdomen: Blue Wing Olive quill

Thorax: Blue Wing Olive dubbing

Post: White Para Post

Hackle: Blue Dun

Begin by debarbing your hook and place in the vice. Start the thread just behind the hook eye and wrap to where the bend of the hook begins. Tie in the shuck material, leaving it a little longer than the hook gap. Prior to beginning to tie, you should have soaked your quills in water for 20-30 minutes. Take a quill out of the water and tie in at the bend. Wrap the quill to a point 1/3 of the hook length back from the hook eye and tie off with several wraps of thread. Trim the excess. Before going further, coat the quill with fly cement. This will greatly increase the life of the fly. I have frequently caught 25+ fish on a single fly with the hackle giving way before the quill by doing so. Now, tie in your post by cutting a 3/4 inch of post material and after bending it around the thread, bring it down upon the hook in front of the quill and wrap in place, including wraps around/up the post to strengthen. Bring the thread back down and wrap figure eights around the base to secure. Tie in the hackle and dub the thread. Using a figure eight motion, wrap the dubbed thread around the hook shank and post, producing a thorax 2x larger than the abdomen. Bring the thread to the front of the post and wrap once around the hook eye. Now, wrap the hackle around the post, starting at the top of the threads you wound around the post. Wrap 3-4 times and tie off with half hitches. Cement the head of the fly and put a drop where the hackle wraps around the post.

This is a very realistic fly, with the quill giving a nicely segmented appearance to the body of the fly.