



Barr's Web Wing Caddis



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Pattern Description

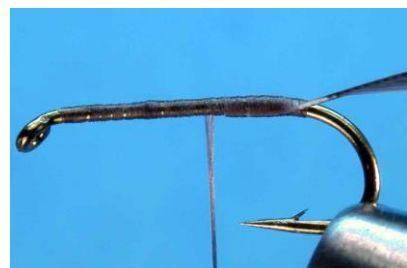
The Web Wing Caddis is the latest addition to John Barr's collection of exemplary patterns. A perfect rendition of a natural caddis, the Web Wing is a prime candidate for slower water sections of river or stillwater and spooky, selective fish. John relates that he developed this pattern on the Missouri River in Montana while fishing with George Anderson. It seems there were great caddis hatches but the fish were having none of the traditional patterns. John pulled out the web wing prototypes that he had reserved for just such an occasion and, well, here we are!

Materials Needed:

Hook: TMC 100 #12-18 Thread: Gray 8/0 Hackle: Medium or Dark Blue Dun Body: Gray Dubbing, Superfine, Muskrat, Beaver etc... Wing: Mottled Gray Web Wing Sheet, cut to shape

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Attach the thread and wrap a thread base back to the bend. Size and prepare a hackle feather with barbs that are slightly longer than a gap width, and tie it in at the bend of the hook by the butt end.



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Dub the thread from the hook bend to about two eye lengths back from the hook eye, forming a slightly tapered abdomen.



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Palmer the hackle feather forward over the dubbed body and tie it off at the front edge of the body. Clip the excess hackle feather flush with the shank here.



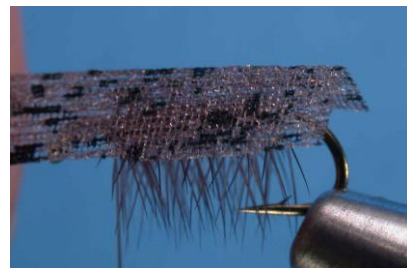
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Clip the hackle across the top of the fly as close as you can. I also clip the top edges a bit too, in order to allow the wing to sit down over the body. Make a thread base over the shank from the front edge of the body to the hook eye and back again.



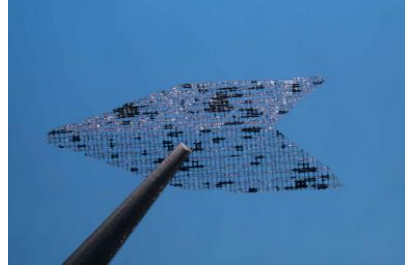
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Cut a strip of web wing from the sheet that is about twice as wide as the hook gap. Fold the sheet in half and run your thumbnail over it to crease the strip.



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Make an angled cut from the closed side of the strip to the open side to create the V-shaped cut out on the back end. Make another cut along the front end to taper the front end down to a point. Ultimately, you should end up with a somewhat-heart shaped piece of web wing.



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Lay the pre-cut strip along the top of the fly body and tie it in by the pointed end with a couple tight turns of thread. The back end should extend past the hook bend about one-quarter to one-half shank length.



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Trim the pointed end of the web wing flush against the hook shank and build a smooth thread head to cover the stubs. Whip finish and clip the thread.



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Lift the wing up and buckle it so it stands up and out of the way. Apply a small drop of Zap-A-Gap to the top of the body. Press the wing back down over the body, adhering it to the top of the fly. This step will keep the wing from flapping loose while casting. Man, JB knows what he's doing here!



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Finished fly, side view.



step: 12

Finished fly, quartering top view.

