



# Spring Creek Flycraft and Guide Service

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## Fly Tyers Corner January, 2012 Little Green Stonefly

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Before I launch into a discussion of this month's creature, I have a couple of things I want to mention regarding our newsletter, The Leader. First, I've read a lot of club newsletters; some are OK, some are good, and a few are excellent. Count the Leader among the latter group, and in fact it is probably the best of all of them. GBF has been given awards for excellence in this regard, notably from the NCCFFF. Second, publication of this fine document doesn't happen automatically—no way is it on autopilot. Each month, our editor and publisher, Frank Stolten, spends hours generating articles by hounding the "usual suspects," putting it all together, and getting it to our formatting person. Frank deserves a huge round of applause for his excellence. Third, I am beginning to think that the Leader is read more by the general fly fishing community than by our membership. A recent example of this is

an email message sent to President Dennis Baker by an individual in Maryland, regarding one of the Fly Tyers Corner articles. I seem to get questions all the time about matters that are covered in the Leader. If you are one of those who just glance at it (or worse, don't even bother), you are missing a lot of the benefit of belonging to GBF. Communication is the lifeblood of a fly club. So, here it is (and I get to say what I want because I'm old)...shame on you. There, I've done it. Thanks for listening and, hopefully, for reading the Leader cover to cover.

This month's fly carries an interesting story. Most of us are familiar with the term "Little Yellow Sally"—right? It's a small, very common stonefly species that predictably flies around in the afternoon. Its body is yellow—sometimes bright, sometimes pale (see January and February, 2011 tying articles, available on GBF's Web site). A perhaps little known fact: Sometimes they are a bright, insect green. The green variety is sometimes found in the winter months, on sunny, warm afternoons. So, on those same afternoons, if you are brave enough to get out and fish, have a couple of Little Green Stonefly patterns in your quiver. It's easy to tie and floats well.

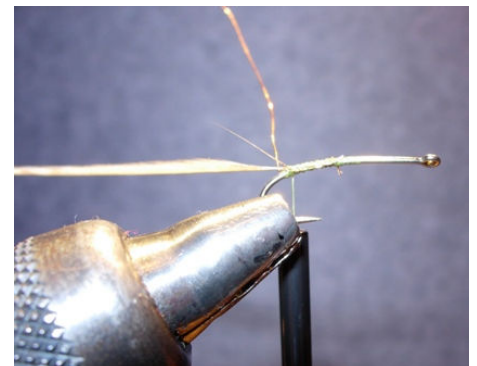
### Materials

Hook: Umpqua 2302, sizes 14, 16  
Thread: 8/0 olive  
Ribbing: Ultra-fine copper wire  
Hackle: Dry fly quality dun rooster hackle

Body: Fine olive dubbing mixed with pearl UV material  
Under-wing: Extra fine pearl Crystal Flash  
Wing: Fine light olive deer hair

### Tying Instructions

1. Smash the hook barb and cover the shank with even thread wraps; stop at the back of the barb.
2. At that point tie in a 3" piece of ultra-fine copper wire, and a long dun hackle with barbules that are no longer than the hook gape.



3. Dub the body, ending about 1/16" behind the hook eye.
4. Rib the fly in close wraps, and then palmer the hackle to the front of the body and tie it off there. Rotate the vise and carefully trim the hackle from the underside of the body. The best way to do this is to use the very point of your scissors and work backward to the hook bend.



5. Cut, clean, and stack a small clump of fine light olive deer hair and tie it in at the same spot as the under wing was tied in. Apply a tiny drop of super glue to this spot with your bodkin.



6. With the hook back in the normal position, tie in about 6 or 7 strands of extra fine pearl Crystal Flash at the front of the body; trim them so that they extend just past the hook bend. This will be the under wing. Be sure not to allow the strands to roll off to the far side of the hook; keep them directly on top.



7. Pluck a smaller hackle from the neck or saddle, and tie it in where the wing and under wing were tied in. Apply a miniscule amount of the olive dubbing to the thread and leave the thread just behind the hook eye.
8. Wrap the hackle forward and tie it off, leaving room for a small thread head.
9. Whip finish, trim the thread, and apply a tiny drop of super glue to the head with your bodkin.



## Tying Tips

You're done. I like to dunk all my freshly minted dries into a bottle of silicone sealant, and let them dry for 24 hours before putting them in my dry fly box. Enjoy, and....See ya on the creek.