

FLY OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER

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With the cold northern winds starting to howl, freezing temperatures outside, and the coming of snow, tyers will be inside the warmth of our houses, in our secluded tying areas, dens, lairs, closets, dungeons, and caves getting ready for next season. With this month's fly we will be heading to arena of Trout fishing.

The fly will take us down the road of dry flies; it is called the "*Clown Shoe Caddis*" (*aka Boulder Creek Caddis*). I first heard of this fly, from the site Franken Fly, and naturally I had to tie a few up to try them. With the great luck I had on various rivers I fished, I now have these flies, in multi sizes and colors, as a staple in my fly boxes.

Designed by Jay Zimmerman from Boulder, Colorado, it was created to fish all season long - with or without a dropper. This fly represents more of an emerging Caddis than a true dry fly, since it sits in the film of the water. It is super buoyant, highly visible, and somewhat considered a mule of the fly world as it is used to carry larger dropper nymphs. The cousin to this fly is the "Clown Shoe Sally," which is also great.

In the world of the Caddis insect, when they emerge they are not strong swimmers thus have a hard time getting through the film of the water before they become actual flying adult caddis. This makes them a simple meal to the inhabitants in the waters below. With the "Clown Shoe Caddis," it sits down in the film just like an emerging caddis, yet allowing the wing and trimmed hackle to create surface area to hold the fly up; the Cerise indicator it makes this fly very visible.

If you have not fished or tied this fly, once you do, you will never have enough in your fly boxes. Until next month, tight lines and snazzy flies Todd.

HOOK: TMC 2487 (#12, #14, #16, and #18)

THREAD: 6/0 or 140 denier olive or black

ABDOMEN: Medium D-Rib or V-Rib (Olive, Amber, Chartreuse, Brown, or Clear)

WING: Dun Dyed Yearling Elk Hair

HACKLE: Dun or Grizzly Saddle/Neck Hackle

POST: Cerise McFly Foam

DUBBING: Black Superfine

