

Winnie's Albino Caddis



Recipe

Hook: Dry Fly Size: 6 XL
Thread: Black, 6/0
Tail: Three Natural White Bucktail
Hairs, tied long
Body: White Yarn
Wing: White Duck or Goose Quill, tied
upright and divided, swept back
Hackle: White, tied heavy, fore and aft

Tying Tips: I'm not sure of the tail material, it may have been white deer or moose hair. No rib on this pattern. It may also have been tied in a size #8.

Fishing Tips: Designed for brown trout, fished at night.

Historical Note: Art Winnie's original 'Michigan Caddis' was developed much earlier in history. This fly is a good example of tiers tinkering with their own patterns. The credit for this pattern goes to Gary Miller from Williamsburg, Michigan. Gary is considered an authority on spear fishing decoys. Gary provided the press release on this article which appeared in the Grand Rapids Press in 1951 and is the owner of this fly in this photograph. In Art's own words he said, "I figured that brown trout, like gentlemen would prefer blondes." Art thoroughly tested the pattern before he released it to the press. The pattern was developed in 1950.

Tyer: Art Winnie

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