



Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



Ultra Suede

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Ultra Suede is strong, flexible, will not tear, easy to cut (with Backer), and easy to color. I have found it in all kinds of colors.



But probably tan and white is the best to use because they are easy to color. It is not expensive, only \$7.99 per yard (36" x 54").



It comes in different thickness. Some will need backer materials and you can glue backer on your ultra suede. With the backer it is easier to trace the pattern on and easier to cut.



Backer material used in embroidery comes in different thickness.

Get the thinnest thickness. In the backer material picture, the thin one is on the left side.

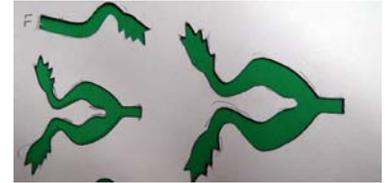
To attach the backer you will need a good spray adhesive. I use Scotch Super 77 but there are other good ones in the market. When you spray the adhesive on the backer, make sure that you cover the whole surface. Allow it time to dry before using it. I will let it dry for 24 hours.



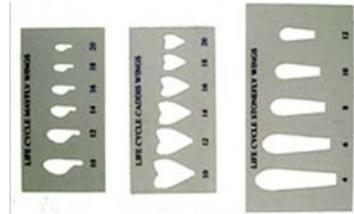
The Ultra Suede is easy to color using the Sharpies.



Now you are ready to trace and cut out your patterns. Use can make your own patterns by tracing on heavy card board and then cut it out with an X-acto knife.



You can also buy stencils like the ones the Life Cycle stencils below. Trace, cut, color and you are ready to tie your favorite flies.



Do you have an assortment of old brass wing burners? Well, use them as a pattern. Ultra Suede wings will hold up great. Trace, cut them out, and use your Sharpies to color them.



I hope this give you ideas. Once you start using Ultra Suede, you will find other uses for it. Mouse ears? Sculpin fins? Send me an email and let me know what you think.



Wispy – Mike Kidd's fly

Materials:

Hook: Tiemco TMC100BL or TMC101

Hook Size: 12, 14, 16, 18

Body: Thread Olive

Ribbing: Krystal Flash (Green or Peacock) Pearl

Thread: UNI-Thread 8/0 Olive

Wings: Marabou Olive

Head: Midge Diamond Braid Caddis Green

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