

## Tiny Blue Winged Olive

Although this pattern is called the Tiny Blue Winged Olive it is versatile and can be tied in different colors to represent a variety of tiny mayflies such as the tiny blue quill. Or, from the box at streamside simply clip the wings and tail and fish it as a gnat .



### **Materials:**

**Hooks:** Mustad 94840 or 94833 #20-#26

**Thread:** 8/0 in shades green to brown

**Body material:** dry fly dubbing in shades of green to brown in sizes #20 -#22 and thread bodies in same colors for sizes #24 to #26

**Tail:** 3-5 fibers of rooster spade hackle in medium dun

**Wing:** Two hen neck feathers sized for fly in medium dun

**Hackle:** Medium dun rooster hackle

### **Tying instructions:**

Place hook in vise and wrap thread from behind the eye of the hook to the bend of the shank. Tie in the tail. Select two hen neck feathers sized for the fly. The finished wings after tying in should be no longer than the hook shank, paired convex so the wings splay apart, and tied in 3/4 up the hook shank, tips facing out over the eye of the hook. Make three wraps to secure wings to shank, then raise the wings perpendicular to the shank and make 2 to 3 wraps directly in front of the wings to stand them up and figure 8 between on larger sizes if desired, then secure with 2 wraps behind the wings. Wrap thread back to bend, add dubbing if desired and dub to just behind the wing. Tie in hackle feather just behind the wing and bring thread forward of wing adding small amount of dubbing between wing and hook eye. Wind three wraps behind the wing then two in front. Whip finish.