

The guild's winter fly tying for Thursday, February 16, at 7:00:

The fly to get things kicked off will be the much-anticipated Walt's Riffle Dun.

This fly, originated by legendary Catskill tyer Walt Dette, is a style of tying a fly, rather than a specific hatch-matcher, much in the same way that a Comparadun or a parachute pattern could be tied to represent many of our local hatches once the tying techniques are mastered.

The pattern is as follows:

Hook: Short shank dry fly or a light-wire curved hook.

Wing: Teal, wood duck flank, or hen saddle feather, tied divided or as a post.

Body&Tail: Single feather trimmed to shape and length, leaving 1 to 2 feather barbs for the tail, and tied in as an extended body.

Hackle: Color of your choice wrapped 3 to 4 turns as a parachute under the extended body.

Here are some pictures of the finished Riffle Dun and extended pre-cut body. The photos for this week are courtesy of guild member Rich Turner.

You've got the Zoom link in the email. Let's see everyone this Thursday night!

