

## Cap Spider... Russ Shields

The Cap Spider is simple to tie and very effective as a warm water pan fish fly. We will tie the Cap Spider with a light olive body with black and white legs. However the Cap Spider can be a strong fish catcher in other color configurations. Let your imagination be your guide.

### Materials

**Hook:** Fly Tying Jig Head, unpainted, size 10, Cabela's Cat. No.31-9059-013.  
**Thread:** 6/0 olive.  
**Body:** Light olive micro Ultra Chenille.  
**Legs:** Medium speckled white Centipede Legs, Cabela's Cat. No.31-7712.



### Tying Instructions



1. Debarb the hook and secure it in the vise. Using a jam knot tie the thread onto the hook 1/8 inch back from the jig head. In tight touching turns wrap a neat thread base back to a point directly over the hook barb. Return the thread to the thread tie on point.

2. Cut about a four inch piece of micro chenille from the skein. Tie the tag end of the chenille to the top of the hook at the thread tie on point. With the standing part of the chenille pulled to the rear, use close, tight, spiral thread wraps to bind the chenille to the top of the hook shank to the rear of the thread base. Return the thread to the thread tie on point.



3. In close, tight, touching turns, wrap the chenille forward in about 10 to 13 turns. Tie off the chenille at the thread tie on point and cut away the excess chenille.

4. Fold one strand of Centipede Leg and cut it in half. Fold the two halves and cut them in half. This procedure will give you four sets of proper length legs. Rotate the fly in the vise. The legs will be tied on with figure eight wraps on what is now the top of the hook. Position all four leg strands between the chenille body and the jig head so the legs extend equally on both sides and perpendicular to the hook. The first few leg tie on figure eight wraps should be done with only the tension that the hanging bobbin applies. Make a few of these light figure eight wraps and manipulate the legs into proper position. When you are satisfied with the leg positions, make several tight figure eight wraps to securely set the legs in place. *Note: If you apply too much tension to the first figure eight wraps you will probably end up with two or three legs on one side and five or six legs on the other side of the fly.* Tie off the thread between the front of the legs and the jig head. Whip finish the tie off thread wraps by hand or use a long reach Matarelli whip finish tool. Cut away the thread and apply a small amount of head cement to the final thread wraps.

