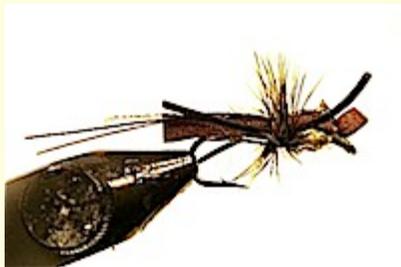


Side View



Ant Collection



Carpenter Ants

Materials

Hooks- Size 12 dry fly

Thread- 6/0 or 8/0

Body- Foam Strips (twice as wide as thick) usually Black, can sub in Brown

Wings-short brown hackles

Legs- Super Floss strands cut off in 2 equal lengths in dark Colour

Hackle- Dry fly or saddle-usually Black (optional Brown)

Head- Thread built up ahead of tied off foam behind eye

Instructions

(Hint: because there are so many wraps in approximately the same area, use the thinnest thread you feel comfortable with and only 2-3 wraps to tie materials in)

Tie on thread and wrap shank from bend to eye, and leave it hang about 1/2 distance from bend to eye.

Prepare Foam Body by tapering end and add about a 1/4 inch slit the width starting about 3/16 inch from tapered end and add Super Glue Gel to the rear half of the hook.

Place slit of foam over shank of hook, from bend to where thread was left hanging. Leaving tapered end of foam extending out 1/8 to 1/4 inch from bend (depending on length of hook shank used).

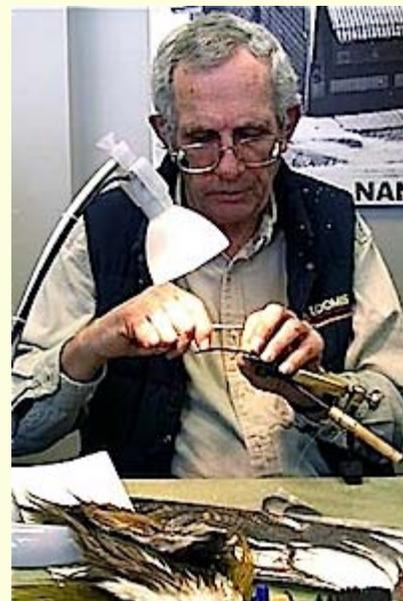
Tie in Foam with 2-3 wraps where tread was left hanging. Leaving excess pointing toward eye at this time.

Tie in Paired Wings pointing forward, keeping them fairly long with shiny side down. Then fold them back, positioning them so they point a bit up and out on each side and finish tying them in there. At the same place, tie in Super Floss Legs, one on each side with natural curve towards shank of hook. At the same place, tie in the Saddle Hackle and let thread hang there.

Using Hackle Pliers, tightly wrap hackle 4-5 times towards eye and either let hang or try to hold it there with slight downward pressure. Carefully wrap thread through hackle and tie it in. (Be careful to keep thread perpendicular to the shank so it doesn't catch any bent hackles as its being wrapped). Build thread up ahead of foam towards eye of hook.

Pull down excess Foam over build up and tie off leaving space for head at eye. Add extra wraps of thread to form head between foam and eye of hook to hold foam up over eye, now whip finish. Trim foam, leaving about 1/8 inch extending up over eye of hook. Trim bottom of hackle flat so it will stay upright on the water.

Bill Pollard Demo



Top View

