

“Tomsu's” type Hopper

List of materials

HOOK: Scud or straight shank hook size #12, #10, #8, #6.

THREAD: UTC 140 dark brown or color of your choice.

BODY: foam, beige color, 2 mm (x2)

WING: Deer hair, Elk's hair, flash, or other wing material.

PRONOTUM: (Back) Foam, 2 mm.

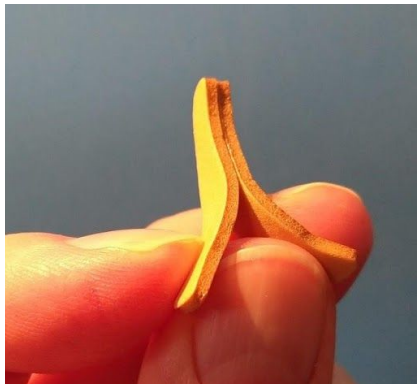
BACK LEGS: fluorescent orange or green foam, 2 mm (x2).

FRONT LEGS: rounded silicon legs, beige and black barred.

Steps



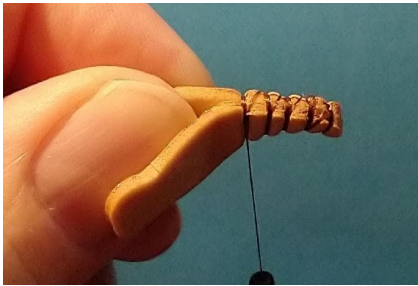
Place one side of the body against the hook and use your thumbnail to mark the location of the back of the hook. Make sure the head of the foam is behind the eye of the hook.



Put some super glue on the tail end (narrow end) of the hopper body. Line up the two halves of the body and hold them in place for a few seconds until the glue sets



Holding the foam body in your non-dominant hand, use thread to make the body segments. Wrap the thread 4-5 times around the end of the foam. If possible, wrap the thread using a backward motion from what you normally use (wrap counter-clockwise towards you instead of clockwise).



Wrap the thread forward a couple of millimeters and repeat the previous step to make another body segment. Repeat this until you reach the end of the glued foam. Tie a knot at this point to keep the thread from unraveling.

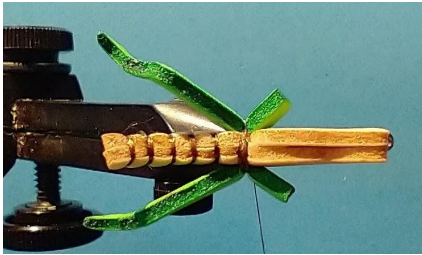
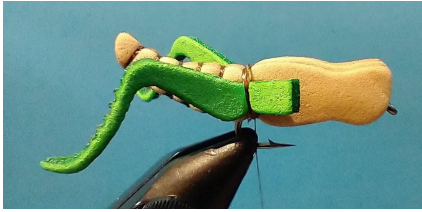


Split the body apart and place the far side on the hook. Use some super glue to hold the foam onto the hook. Press the two sides together and hold for a few seconds.

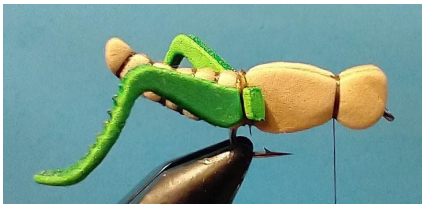




Tie the foam onto the hook using the same process as the tail end. NOTE: at this time you should be able to wrap the thread as you normally would.



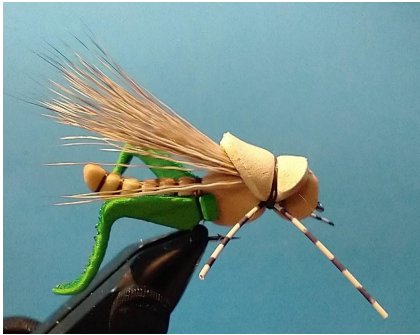
Take one of the legs and tie it on the side of the hopper. NOTE: The legs have a longer than needed tab to allow for use on different size hooks. Use a couple of light wraps to hold the first leg in place, Tie on the other leg and use two more light wraps to hold it in place. Add 3-4 tighter wraps on the legs and tie a knot so they won't come off. At this point, they should stick out from the body. Trim off the excess foam from the front of the legs.



Either advance the thread to the head of the foam or cut your thread and re-tie it at the head. NOTE: There is a slight divot on the head to indicate the tie in place.



Use a small bunch of deer or elk hair to create the wing. Prepare the hair by removing the “fluff” on the butt ends. Measure it on the fly so the tips extend to the end of the body. Tie in at the head. For larger hopper bodies, trim the butt ends close to the threads. For the smallest hopper, leave a small “ha head” (because the back foam is too thick).



Place a drop of super glue on the threads and tie in the Pronotum (back foam) covering the tie-in point at the front. NOTE: the pointed end will face the back of the fly. Cut a strand of rubber legs 2-3”. Cut that in half so you have two pieces that are 1-1.5 inches long. Tie one on each side of the body using a couple of loose wraps to hold them in place and

Optional: you can decorate with markers or add antennae. You can also use other wing materials if you do not want to use deer or elk hair.