

Foam Ladybug

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Recipe:

Thread: 8/0 black uni-thread

Hook: TMC 101 #14-16

Body: Peacock herl

Legs: Brown/black hackle

Back: 3mm or 1/8 th inch thick orange evazote or sheet foam

Tying Instructions

1. Place the hook in the vise. Attach the thread behind the eye of the hook, and wrap the thread backward, stopping a few turns past the barb. Over the barb, place a drop of super glue on the thread base.
2. Cut the strip of foam about as wide as the hook gape and bevel the edges at a 45 degree angle. Tie in the orange foam just over the barb of the hook.
3. Over the barb of the hook, tie in the brown hackle you will palmer up the body to make the legs.
4. Over the barb of the hook, tie in the peacock herl you will use to make the abdomen.
5. Wrap the peacock herl forward to a point about two hook eye diameters from the eye of the hook
6. Sparsely palmer the hackle forward to the same point and clip it flat on the top side of the hook.
7. pull the orange foam forward to the point where you tied off the herl and the hackle and tie it down, leaving a head shaped piece of foam extending almost completely over the eye of the hook.
8. Using a fine pointed black sharpie, place small black dots on the back of the beetle.