

Gorilla Glue Ant

Better Flies through Chemistry

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Gorilla Glue is a water activated polyurethane adhesive that expands and creates a closed cell foam and presents the opportunity to have dry flies that really float like corks. While this recipe focuses on tying a simple ant pattern, use your creativity to integrate this material into other dry fly patterns and let us know how it works. Gorilla glue has been available in a dark colored version and more recently in a clear, faster drying variety that cures to a white color. This recipe uses the "Dries White, 2X Faster version".

Hook: Tiemco 102Y in size 11 - 19 or Mustad R30 (94833) in size 10 - 18

Thread: Uni 8/0 black or brown

Body: White 2X Faster Gorilla Glue

Additive: Apple Barrel acrylic paint (Michael's) in black, red, brown or plain water

Hackle: black or brown dry fly

1. Put the hook in a alligator pin and clamp the pin in your vise
2. Squeeze a drop of Gorilla glue and paint onto a Post-it pad
3. Mix the paint (or water) into the glue until it starts to harden
4. Place a small drop of the mixture on the shank near the barb and another closer to the eye. As the glue will expand, limit the amount of material
5. Rotate the vise to center the glue on the shank
6. Place the alligator pin with hook into your rotator or keep rotating in vise until set
7. Let the body cure at least an hour - 24 hours until it is fishable
8. Start your thread between the bumps
9. Tie in and wind about 3 turns of dry hackle and whip finish
10. Options: you can use rubber legs with or without a Hi-Viz indicator in place of hackle

