

# SMS Beetle

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This is an adaptation of the SMS Beetle pattern by Ulf Hagstrom  
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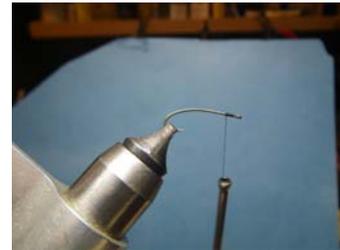
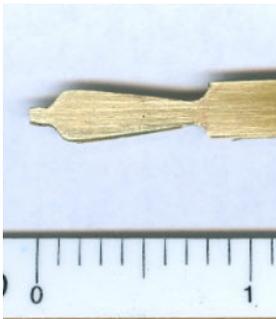
## Recipe:

Hook: Daiichi 1270, #12  
1.5 mm fly foam  
Plastic broom bristles  
Thread: Sheer 14/0 black  
Black superfine dubbing  
Black goose biots  
Peacock hurl

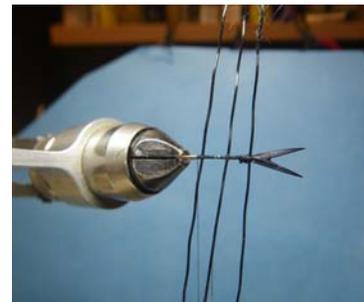
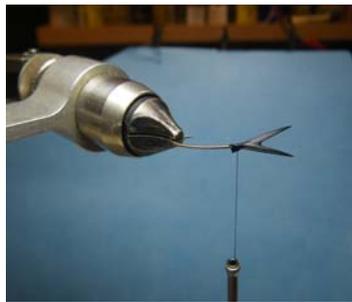


## Tying Instructions:

You can either cut the foam to the shape indicated or make a simple brass template to assist. Using the template with a cigarette lighter will seal and round the edges of the foam. Debarb your hook and start the thread near the eye.



Dub a small ball near the eye and mount a pair of goose biots as antenna. Mount three broom bristles as legs using figure 8 wraps.



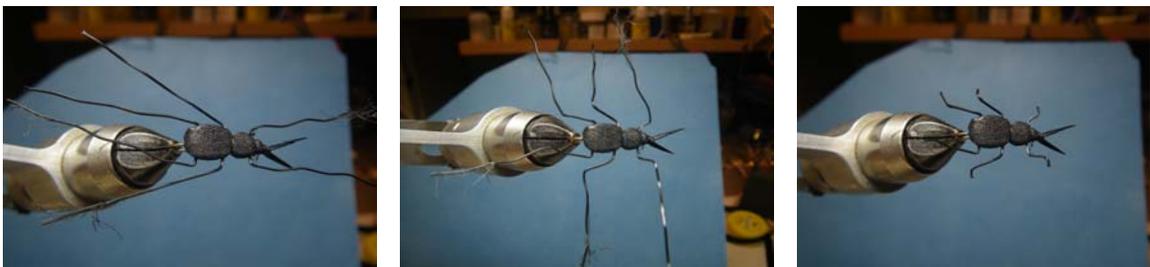
Attach the foam body tying in the tab and tie in two strands of peacock hurl. Wrap the peacock forward and tie off near the eye. Move the thread back to just on the eye side of the middle leg set, fold the foam over the shank and secure. Be careful you do not tension the thread to the point that it cuts through the foam.



Move the thread in front of the legs closest to the eye and wrap the thorax. Advance the thread nearer to the eye and wrap the head. Pull on the foam and cut the tag. Whip finish.



Using a bodkin heated with a flame, bend each of the rear two leg sets toward the barb - the rear most about 90 degrees, the middle about 70 degrees. Bend the front legs toward the eye about 90 degrees. Make the second leg bend in the opposite direction as the first and trim the feet.



Using a hot bodkin, melt a crease in the body of the fly. Flatten the feet with some pliers, rotate the fly and put a drop of superglue where the legs meet the body and on your whip finish. Great fishing when terrestrials are on the water! Tight lines.

