

## Tying Bench – The Beetle Tied by Pat Damico

The beetle works well for anything that eats terrestrials. I like to fish them close to shore especially under trees, old bridges or even in open water. Sometime delivering it with a splash will draw fish to the fly. This pattern can be modified to make brown, chartreuse or any other beetle variation you prefer.

### Materials:

2x long dry fly hook (12-16)

Black thread

Black, and orange 2 mm closed cell foam

Peacock herl

Black crystal flash



### Tying Sequence

1. Wrap black thread back to beginning of bend of hook
2. Cut length of black cell foam from sheet desired width to match hook size, keep it long
3. Cut little point at end of strip and secure to top of hook, wrapping back to hook bend
4. Tie in 2 butt ends of peacock heel at back of hook and wrap thread forward close to hook eye.
5. Wrap peacock herl strands forward and tie off near hook eye
6. Pull foam forward and wrap thread over foam a couple times; add a few wraps between foam and hook eye. Using hook eye as a guide, cut off excess foam leaving the beetle's head
7. Place small strip of orange foam on top of tie in point and wrap a couple times to secure "hot spot," needed to see black fly on the water, cut off excess orange foam
8. Turn over fly and tie in 3 strands of black crystal flash by bending over thread, ends will point rearward and will be trimmed to form legs.
9. Make a few wraps between foam and hook point and whip finish. Coat thread tie off point with head cement.

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