

Tying Bench - Hampton's Gurgler by Bill AuCoincontinued

Hampton's Gurgler tying materials and procedure

Materials:

- Hook: Mustad 34007 or your favorite saltwater hook. Russ uses the Gamakatsu SP11-3L3H size 2
- Thread: Monofilament tying thread or 3/0 Flat waxed nylon—white
- Tail: Bucktail—white with pearl Flashabou over
- Body: Estaz Grande - pearl or white
- Underbody and back: closed cell tying foam - white
- Weed guard: 20# or 30# hard monofilament

Tying procedure:

1. Cut the foam. Russ uses a piece of piece of tempered glass, a straight edge, wallpaper cutter, and a ruler to measure the width. For small bluegill gurglers, it's ¼-inch wide; for bass, ½-inch wide.
2. Wrap the shank of the hook.
3. Cut the bucktail to the length you want. Clean out excess hair.
4. Tie bucktail in and some flash on top. Pic #1
5. Tie in rubber legs facing back, for bass gurglers; but for a bluegill gurgler let them extend out the side like a bug. Pic #2
6. Tie in a double legged weed guard slightly behind the hook eye. Depending on the size of the fly use 20 to 30 pound hard mason.
7. Make an angled cut at one end of the foam to create a point. Pic #3
8. Lay the foam in with the solid part right where the thread is tied off.
9. Tie the foam down in segments, working toward the back. Pic #4
10. Tie in Estaz Grande, palmering it forward to the weed guard. Tie it off and give it a haircut on top. Material sticking down is okay. Pic. #5
11. Fold the foam forward and tie it off right in front of the weed guard
12. Pin the excess foam back (Russ uses a pipe cleaner to hold the foam out of the way) and build up thread under it so that the lip sits at an angle away from the hook. Pic #6
13. Tie thread at the front of the lip of the foam so that the lips sets up high. Tie it off and apply head cement. Trim off the excess foam.

Go fishing.

