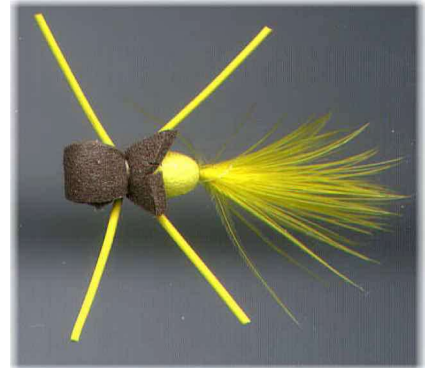


Smitty's Fly Box: Sink or Float Foam Panfish Fly



You can tie this foam fly to float or to sink. For the sinking version you tie a brass bead under the foam on the hook shank. Add the bead and the fly sinks slowly to be enticing to Mr. Picky Bluegill.

Smitty



Materials:

Hook: Mustad R50 size 8 or your favorite short-shanked hook

Weight: Small brass bead (optional)

Thread: Yellow flat waxed nylon

Tail: Yellow marabou (yellow Krystal Flash optional)

Body: Yellow foam strip

Legs: Yellow rubber legs

Thorax: Peacock herl

Head: Brown foam

Eyes: Clear glass beads

Tying instructions:

1. Press down the barb
2. Tie in a tuft of yellow marabou as a tail. Length approx. 1½ times hook shank and tie in the foam on top of the hook shank (covering optional brass bead). Leave space for eyes and head.
3. Wind the thread forwards over the foam.
4. Fold the rear half of the foam forwards and tie down and cut off surplus.
5. Tie in two rubber legs as an X. Length approx. as a tail.
6. Cut a narrow triangle of brown foam and tie in over hook eye pointing forwards.
7. Tie in the eyes on top of the hook shank
8. Cover the base of the eyes and underside of the head with peacock herl.
9. Fold the brown foam tightly backwards over the head tie down and cut off surplus.
10. Whip finish.