

## Smitty's Fly Box: The Squirminator



First of all this fly is not for purists. The *Squirminator*, like most cyborgs, is built to do one specific task *very well* ... it can get the ever lovin' \$%#&\* kicked out of it and walk (swim?) away unscathed. It is constructed almost exclusively of advanced, man-made materials. Fish this fly as you would a Clouser, swimming it along the bottom or give it a bobbing action like a jig. It's built to get through most any underwater situation that will come your way!!!

*Smitty*

### Materials:

Hook: Orvis Tactical Barbless Jig Hook, size 10 -12  
Head: Gold slotted tungsten bead, 1/8"  
Tail: Any child's squishy toy with tentacles (yellow)  
Adhesive #1: Superglue  
Thread: Fluorescent orange, 8/0 or 70-denier  
Underbody: Fluorescent orange Antron dubbing  
Overbody: Yellow egg yarn  
Hot spot: Tying thread  
Adhesive #2: Head cement



### Tying Sequence:

1. Slide bead onto hook (small hole first). Set aside for the time being.
2. Cut a single tentacle from the toy and slide the cut end onto hook hook point, coming out the side so when lying straight on the hook the cut end will be just above the hook point.
3. Slide "worm" down hook bend slightly, then apply a dab of super glue to straight part of shank where worm was then return worm to proper place.
4. Start tying thread just behind the bead and wrap back towards the hook bend in touching wraps to cover the hook shank. Return thread to just behind the bead.
5. Dub thread with enough Antron dubbing to fill the gap between bead and tail.
6. Cut a 3/8" piece of yellow egg yarn. Divide in half and use only one part. Then spread the material out to about to 1 1/2" in length.
7. Give your bobbin a counter-clockwise spin to flatten out your thread (This will make it easy to split the thread with your bodkin). After you split the thread, insert your left index finger to hold open the gap.
8. Insert bug yarn into the gap and pull out your finger. Make sure yarn is evenly divided then give the bobbin a clockwise spin to cord thread back up and trap the fibers.
9. Once you have a good fuzzy length established, start to wrap brush over the orange underbody in open wraps. Using the index finger and thumb of your left hand, make sure to stroke back material as you wrap. Finish at the bead.
10. While holding the antron fibers back, use thread to build up a hot spot collar. Finish with a six turn whip finish. Add a few drops of head cement on thread wraps and in the bead gap for extra strength.

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