

IT'S A BEETLE

Hook: Mustad 79580 or any standard dry hook
Sz 8 - 14

Thread: Black 6/0

Body: 2mm black foam

Legs: Black Rubber

Indicator: Bright-yellow poly yarn

1) Place a debarbed hook into the vice. Start the thread about a 1/3 of the way back from the eye of the hook. Take a piece of foam about 1/4 to 3/16" wide and trim it to a point. Secure the foam point to the hook and wrap back to the bend of the hook.

2) Wrap the thread forward over the foam to about the middle of the hook shank. At this point tie in 3 rubber legs, criss crossing the thread over them to make them flair. Wrap the thread forward to just behind the eye of the hook.

3) Fold the foam over the hook and make several wraps around it to secure in place. Trim the foam to form the head so it covers the eye of the hook. Tie in the poly yarn on top of the body to serve as an indicator. Whip finish and you are done.

You can try some variations with different colors of foam and leg combinations. Beetles and terrestrials are great to fish for many species of fish including bass, trout and blue gill.

