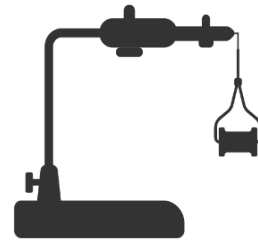




Fly of the Month

Foam Beetle Plus



Recipe

Hook: Standard Dry fly, TMC #12, 14, 16

Thread: Black 6/0

Body: Peacock Herl – 4 Strands

Legs: Moose or deer hair, pheasant tail fibers or black rubber legs

Wing Case: ¼ inch strip of Black foam (width the gap of the hook)

Wing: White Z-Lon or yarn

Visibility Indicator: Yellow Calf's Tail or synthetic material of any color that helps you see the fly under various lighting and water flow conditions

Originator: This is a combination of several recipes, is quick and easy to tie, and adds a wing tip sticking out from under the back shell of a struggling beetle; recommended in an article by A.K. Best. One of my favorite flies for late summer and fall, and a sure winner for brookies in the Shenandoah National Park streams. It is also a hit with pan fish and smallmouth bass.

Techniques to be learned: (1) Attaching white Z-Lon wing tip; (2) Preparing peacock herl - snapping off weak tips before tying in; (3) Twisting and wrapping peacock herl body with thread reinforcement; (4) Using moose hair for legs (stubs left over from making moose hair tails on another fly); (5) Cutting, attaching, stretching and tying down a foam wing case back; (6) Attaching various colored visibility indicator to top/back of fly; (7) Finish with two half hitches

Fishing Tip: This terrestrial fly is best fished in summer and fall. Apply your favorite floatant, dead float once through a likely lie and then dead float with occasional twitching.