

RAINY'S FOAM POPPER



Recipe

Hook.....Dry, Your choice of size

Thread.....6/0, Your choice of color

Tail.....Dry Hackle, Your choice of color

Body.....Rainy's Closed Cell Round Foam

Marker.....Permanent, Your choice of color

1. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a thread base back to the hook bend. Trim off the thread tag.
2. Take a length of Rainy's round foam (sized to match the hook size) and cut off a piece the length of 1/2 the hook shank.
3. Using a single edge razor, make a shallow cut the length of the foam. This slit is to go over the hook shank. (REMEMBER-- do not make the cut too deep. The deeper you cut, the less hook gap you will have left.)
4. Now take super glue and coat the front half of the hook thread base behind the hook eye and the inside of the slit in the foam. Quickly push the foam slit over the thread base behind the hook eye and pinch the foam together evenly on the bottom and hold till the glue is set. (Wax paper around your fingers will keep your fingers from sticking to the foam.)
5. Wrap a small ball of thread at the beginning of the hook bend to help separate the tail hackle, then select two appropriately sized hackle feathers of the same length, clean off the base fluff, and tie them in on each side of the hook shank close behind the foam

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body. Wrap thread over the hackle quills back to the ball of thread so that they will separate and flare away from each other. The hackle tails should be of the same length.

6. Select another appropriately sized hackle feather and trim off the fluff. Tie it in by the tip right behind the ball of thread, then wrap the thread back to the rear of the foam body. Now spiral wrap the hackle back to the rear of the foam body and tie it off and do a whip finish. Remove any excess hackle and cut the thread.
7. If you wish to add legs to your popper, take a length of rubber leg material and thread it on a needle. Pull the needle through the foam body above the hook shank, pulling the leg material through it. Center the leg material, then pull the leg slightly off center to one side of the body and touch it with super glue close to the body. Quickly pull the glued leg back into the body to center and let it set. Cut the legs to your desired length.
8. To decorate the foam body, use fine point permanent markers of any color you wish and decorate it in any fashion you wish. Use red for gills and two colors for eyes (Use one color to make a large circle and another to make a smaller circle inside the larger circle).

NOTE: Do not assume that every foam is "closed cell" foam. If the foam package does not say "Closed Cell" or "Cross Link" on it, it is not closed cell foam and it will sink after a few seconds unless it is treated.

This is a very effective fly for Bluegills so go have fun with it. Use your imagination when tying this fly. Use different colors, flash in the tail, different colors and numbers of legs, etc. Use different sizes of hooks and foam and different paint colors. Have fun!

Please let me know how this fly works for you. If you have any new ideas for materials, please share it with me and others.