

Our November Fly of the month, "Sam's One Bug" (S1B) comes to us from Don C. "Puck" Puckett



Sam's One Bug (S1B) – modified tying

Recipe:

Hook: Mustad 33903-BR size 6

Thread: Size "A" rod wrapping thread, color to match body

Glue: CA, E6000, or similar. In this example I am using "booger glue"

Tail: Marabou to match body, and silicone bass skirt legs, in this example barred yellow

Body: 3/8" closed cell foam post. In this example, yellow

Legs: Silicone bass skirt leg. Here I used "root beer"

Eyes: Black marker

I can't take credit for this fly as I found the original here:

<http://flyanglersonline.com/flytying/fotw2/011507fotw.php>

Sam's One Bug

Created by Craig E. "Sam" Blevins

Written up by Warren Patterson

I've tweaked the tying steps and materials to match my tying style (SCE) but the concept is still quite the original.

This version makes a lot of noise if you want it to. I actually rip it across the water making pops and splashes that bass and panfish find extremely annoying. They just want to kill it, not eat the fly.

Wrap a good base of thread covering the entire hook shank. This will be what the foam must be glued to. Without this base, the foam will spin on the shaft, and render the fly useless.



Clean and measure a marabou feather. You want this feather to be fairly full, with no hard fibers.



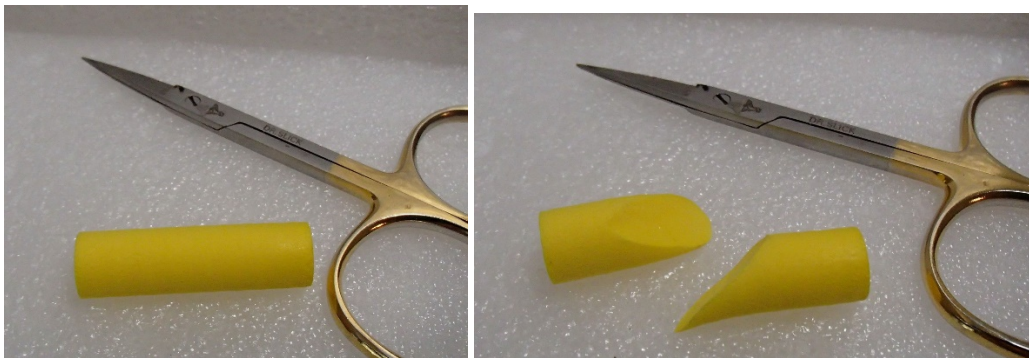
Tie on the marabou to extend a hook shank's length past the bend. Trim and get ready to add the silicone. There really is no need for the silicone in the tail, but a lot of folks seem to like it. It will make the tail of the fly sit lower in the water, creating a louder "pop" when you use a slow retrieve.



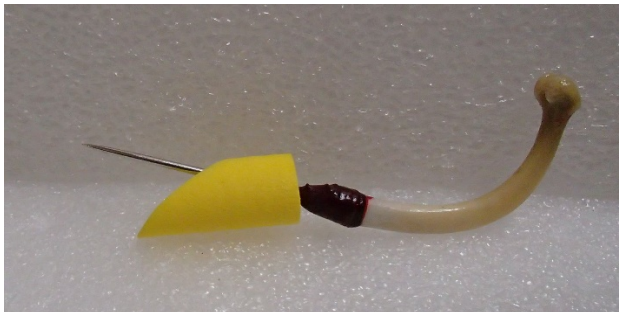
Here you see that I've trimmed the silicone tail to the length of the marabou.



With the 3/8" foam I like to make a 30-45° cut ride up the middle, creating 2 foam bodies. This angle will allow a gap between the hook and the body, which I think allows more hook-ups than just laying it onto the top of the hook shank.



Here is the big difference between the original and my version. I don't slice a groove into my foam. I poke a hole through the foam, centering on the face and coming out close to the bottom of the body towards the rear of the hook. If you totally mess up this step, you can set the body aside and use a slice from the bottom to attach it to another hook shank.



Put some of your glue onto the hook shank. I use quite a bit because it acts a lubricant when you slide the foam body into place. You want the body to sit just at the eye of the hook. In this picture it looks completely off, but you'll see that the next steps bring it back into line.



Soft wrap the body about 3/8-1/2" behind the head 3 or 4 times. This is where you will start applying pressure, forming the popping head. Once satisfied that the head is forming, start applying pressure

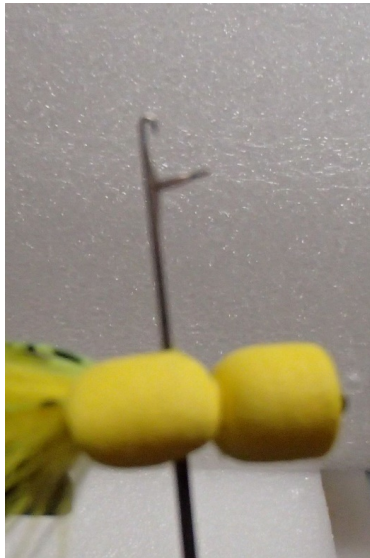


causing the thread to bind the body down.

Now that the head is formed, whip finish the body, glue it and cut the thread. Here you can see the bodkin poked through the body just behind the popping head. This is the hole that you will use for the legs.



The tool used here is a leg tool, or a "knit picker" from the local fabric shop. Shove it through the same hole you just made behind the head.

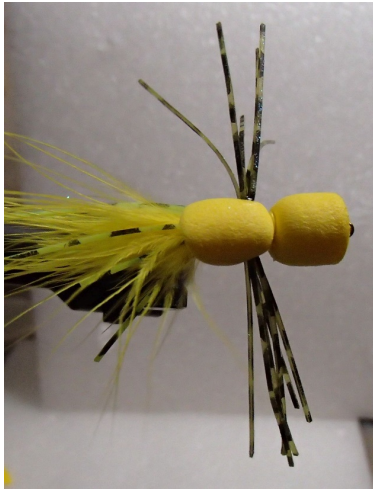


Place 3 silicone legs into the leg tool, and pull them half-way through. A drop of glue here is not a bad



idea, because the bluegill love to pull the legs out.

Cut the legs, trying to g=keep them even. Keeping them even has no affect on the fish, but if they are too far off the fly will spin in the air, twisting your tippet beyond repair.



Use a marker and make some eyes on each side. Let dry completely and go fishing.



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