

## Ft. Worth Fly Fishers

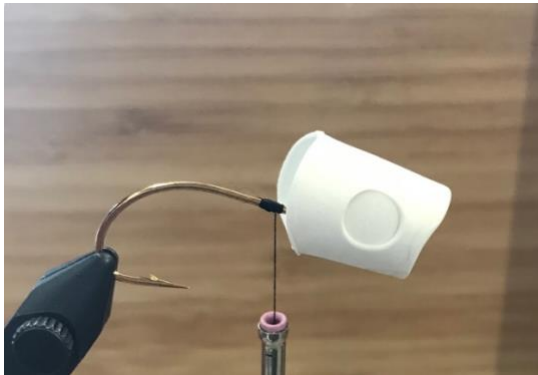
May 2019 Fly of the Month  
Surface Seducer Howitzer Fly

Our featured fly tier is Stephen Woodcock, who will show us the Surface Seducer Howitzer. This is a popper pattern used for predatory fish such as pike, bass, and saltwater species. The Howitzer imitates the head of a small minnow (or baitfish) that is splashing and sipping at the surface of the water. As a result, the body of the minnow hangs down in the water (roughly at a 45-degree angle) and moves enticingly in a position that can be seen by predatory fish from a long distance and offers them an irresistible profile and an easy opportunity for a meal!<sup>1</sup>

### Materials:

- Bass stinger hook size 2 lightning strike
- White medium surface seaducer Howitzer baitfish popper head
- Black 140 utc thread
- Black rabbit zonkers magnum cut
- Zap a Gap glue
- Oceanic green surface seaducer Dragon eyes 6mm
- Pearl Palmer chenille small or medium
- Black sharpie pen
- Orange sharpie pen
- Can of compressed air

**Step 1.** Use a bodkin to push a hole through body of foam popping head. Slide the head over the hook eye and position near the front of the hook. Tie on thread behind head to act as a reference point so you will not tie any materials in front of that reference point (just thread wraps.)



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<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://flymenfishingcompany.com/products/surface-seducer-howitzer-baitfish-popper-heads>

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**Step 2.** Cut a 2 1/2 inch long piece of rabbit zonker and tie the first half an inch to the hook shank at the rear of the hook securing it firmly with lots of thread wraps.



**Step 3.** Tie in the Palmer chenille and palmer the chenille to create the belly/body of the fly.



**Step 4.** Wrap thread to the eye of the hook and whip finish and cut thread to remove bobbin. Secure the popper head in place with Zap a Gap glue.



**Step 5.** Wrap thread randomly over the foam head.

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**Step 6.** Using a can of compressed air (normally used for dusting purposes) blow the compressed air across the tip of a black sharpie, gently spray painting as necessary. Repeat this procedure on the underside of the fly with the orange sharpie.

**Step 7.** Remove thread to reveal the tiger striping.



**Step 8.** Adhere the dragon eyes into the recessed areas of the foam head and the fly is complete.

