

Foam Diver

(Adapted from "Tying Foam Flies by Skip Morris)



Hook:	Heavy wire, short shank Bass-Bug hooks sizes 2 to 6; and sizes 6 to 12 for pan fish.
Thread:	Big Fly Thread - Mono Cord 3/0 Color to Match Fly
Weight:	Lead Wire (optional)
Tail:	Barred Rabbit Strips, Hackles, Buck Tail or Marabou in color to match body
Body & Collar:	Foam - 3 MM (one or two layers) 2 MM & 1 MM for smaller flies
Legs:	Round Rubber Legs - Med. (optional)
Weed Gard:	25# Test Monofilament (optional)

In the world of Bass fishing, foam makes a lot of sense. It is soft and life like so the bass will usually hold on a few seconds longer to allow more hookups. This fly is easy to tie and floats longer than hair flies. This fly can either be used as a top water fly or one that dives below the surface depending on the amount of weight you add to the fly.

The Foam Diver was originally designed for large mouth bass. In other sizes and colors it could be just as effective for blue gills, lake trout, pike or browns (just like the Dalberg Diver).

The tail section can be constructed out of almost anything that soaks up a lot of water (marabou, hackles, buck tail, rabbit swatches, etc.) that keeps the fly from traveling too much after the twitch, chug or dive.

Fish the Foam Diver around lily pads, logs, rocks and other shoreline cover. It can be fished with a variety of retrieves.

Have fun experimenting with size, color and weight!