

This is my first popper that 100% representing a bug. My other poppers have been bait fish or creatures with at least some tinsel in them. It works very well in weedy waters like Wakeley or Barton Lakes, and is particularly exciting to the bluegills. Bass and small pike are drawn to it as well. I will offer the options to tie the easier marabou version or the slightly harder mop worm version.

-Dan Walker

Marabou Bug Popper

Hook: Straight or down eye gap near the diameter of foam head

Head: Foam Cylinder square front angled back

Thread: 210 denier Danville, color not important, build a thick thread base where the head will go.

Tail: Marabou or Mopworm twisted chenille loop, Black, Bright or Pale Green

Underbody: Chenille to save on dubbing material.

Dubbing 1: Narrow bump at back or body to flair rear legs

Legs: One or two silicon rubber legs tied in this sequence

- 1) tie in near back leg(s) against dubbing bump
- 2) tie in near forward leg close to back of foam head
- 3) loop legs around to tie in back side front legs in forward facing loop
- 4) wrap the back side back leg down and against rear dubbing bump

Dubbing 2: Dub between the legs and in front of front legs.

Tie Off and later and put the head on, it can be glued later.

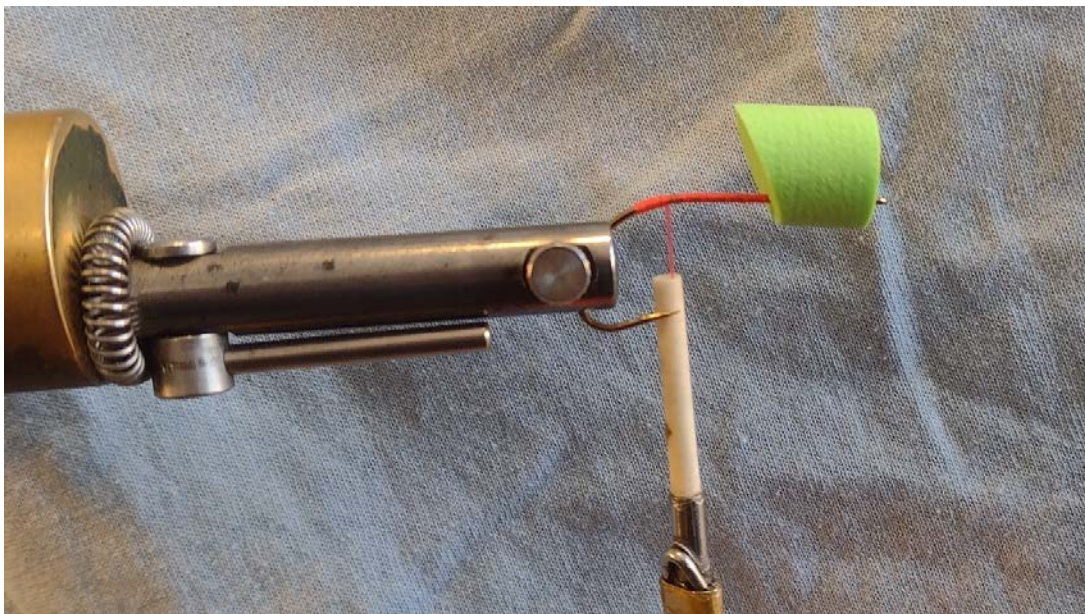
Tools and Materials



Thread base: note extra thread wraps to build up base under the head.



Thread Base and Head, note the fly must be tied so the body goes up against the head and leave room for the head.



The tail is tied in as a chenille underbody. It will be wrapped forward and tied in next. Check to see room is left for the head when chenille is tied off.



A dubbing bump will be tied in on top of the back of the under body.



The near side back leg goes in against the backstop dubbing bump.
Spiral over the leg(s) to the forward attachment point.
Loop the legs around to the forward, far side tie-in point.
Spiral back over the leg to the back far side tie-in point against the dubbing bump.
Ready to dub over the mid-body and in front of the front legs, leave room for the foam head there.



Put the foam head on, if it doesn't fit, cut a new one to the right length.



Fish Eye View

