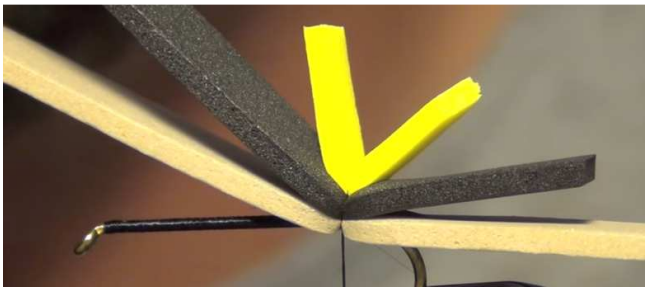
Chernobyl Ant
As Seen on YouTube c/o "In the Riffle"

Materials:

Hook Size:	6-12 Streamer, 2XL-3XL
Body:	2mm Foam, 2 main colors + Hi-vis spots
Thread:	140-210 denier
Legs:	Silli-Legs

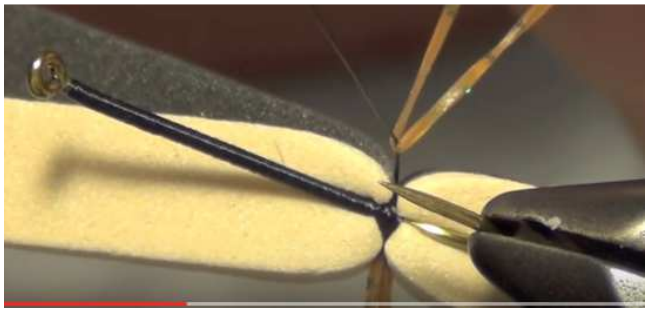
Step 1:

Debarb hook, lay a complete thread base eye-to-bend. Tie in 2 pieces of foam at bend (dark color on top). The first wrap is **LOOSE** to avoid cutting the foam, then several **TIGHT** wraps. Add a hi-vis spot on the last wrap if desired.



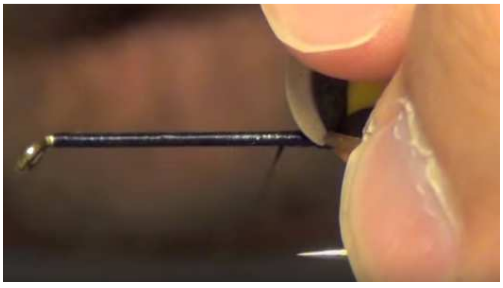
Step 2:

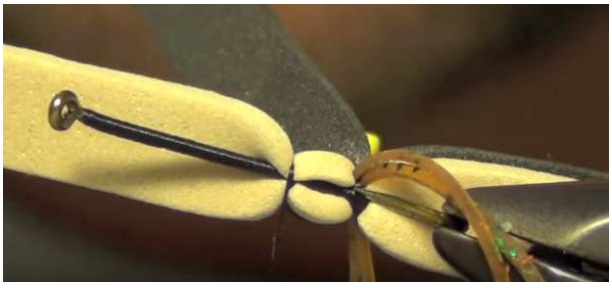
Add Legs to both sides, positioned where the two main foam strips meet. Trim later.



Step 3:

Advance thread **UNDER THE BOTTOM FOAM STRIP**, approx.. ¼ inch, and then **SECURE JUST THE BOTTOM STRIP** to create the segmentation pictured.



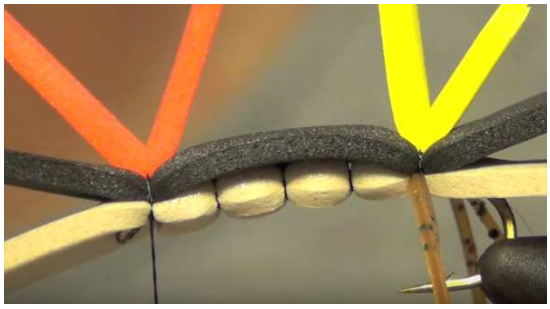


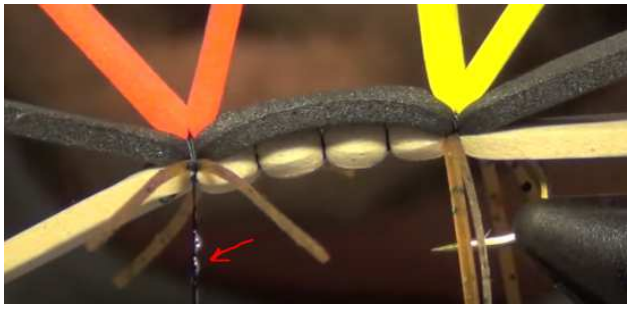
Step 4:

Repeat step 3 up to the hook eye, creating 3-4 equal segments. Apply a bit of cement applied along the underside of the hook shaft inside the segments - this will bond the segments to the thread base to prevent the fly from twisting over time.

Secure the top foam piece at the eye, adding a hi-vis spot as before.

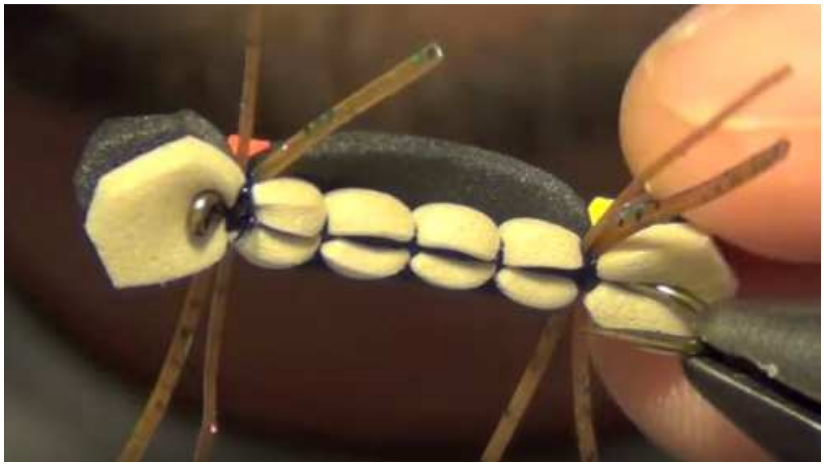
Add the front legs, and apply a drop or two of head cement (red arrow) on your thread for the last couple of wraps to secure the fly.





Step 5:

Trim legs to desired length. Trim the foam front and back with slight overhang and angled corners. The front section will push water to simulate a "popper" effect.



Every now and then a fly pattern comes along that breaks the mold and changes the world of fly fishing. The Chernobyl Ant is just such a pattern. Who would have thought that tying layers of foam on a hook in contrasting colors would ever dupe a fish? Not only does this pattern get fish to bite, but in certain times of the year it out-fishes more realistic versions of hatching insects.

The Chernobyl Ant is a fly tier/ fisherman's ideal pattern. Not only does this fly use a relatively cheap item, "foam", as its primary material but it floats like a cork. Even after repeated strikes from fish this pattern rides invitingly high on the water's surface.