

Foam Wasp Submitted by Don Kail November, 2014

Materials:

Hook:	Wet/Nymph, size 10-12 (TMC 3761 etc.)
Thread:	Black 8/0
Body:	Yellow Craft Foam 3" x 1/8"
Wing:	Grey, White, or Clear Plastic Grocery or Freezer Bag
Legs:	Barred Sili Legs
Thorax:	Black Ostrich or Peacock Herl
Antenna:	Turkey or Goose Turkey Biot (optional)

Instructions:

- 1. Smash barb, dress hook to the bend.
- 2. Tie in foam strip at the bend, leaving a bulge at the hook point which makes it easier to shape the abdomen.
- 3. Leave thread at bend for now.
- 4. Wrap foam to mid shank, stretching more at first and less as you wrap forward to create abdomen taper. Clamp with hackle pliers.
- 5. Create a stinger with a few thread wraps at the base of the abdomen, then spiral thread forward loosely over abdomen.
- 6. Capture foam at mid-shank, keeping foam on top. Do NOT trim.

- 7. Tie in a 2"x1/8" wing at mid shank. Splay and trim at an angle at the bend.
- 8. Attach legs at mid shank.
- 9. Advance thread toward eye, tie in Ostrich thorax, wrap to near the eye, capture and trim.
- 10. Pull remaining foam over thorax near the eye, capture it.
- 11. Attach antenna if desired.
- 12. Add one last foam wrap at the eye for a head, and finish.

This fly will fish sub-surface .. bluegills love it.