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FLY OF THE MONTH

"PFD (Personal Floatation Device) Humpy"



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I don't know who is to be credited for the Foam Humpy but I like this fly for its high floating qualities and ease to tie. This fly is a great searching pattern and is durable for catching many panfish. This acts like a popper and very hard to sink. You can use any hair for the tail and wing. But I like the white calf tail for the wing for easy visibility.

Materials

Hook: Dry Fly Hook any size

Thread: Any color to match the body, size 6/0 - 70 Denier

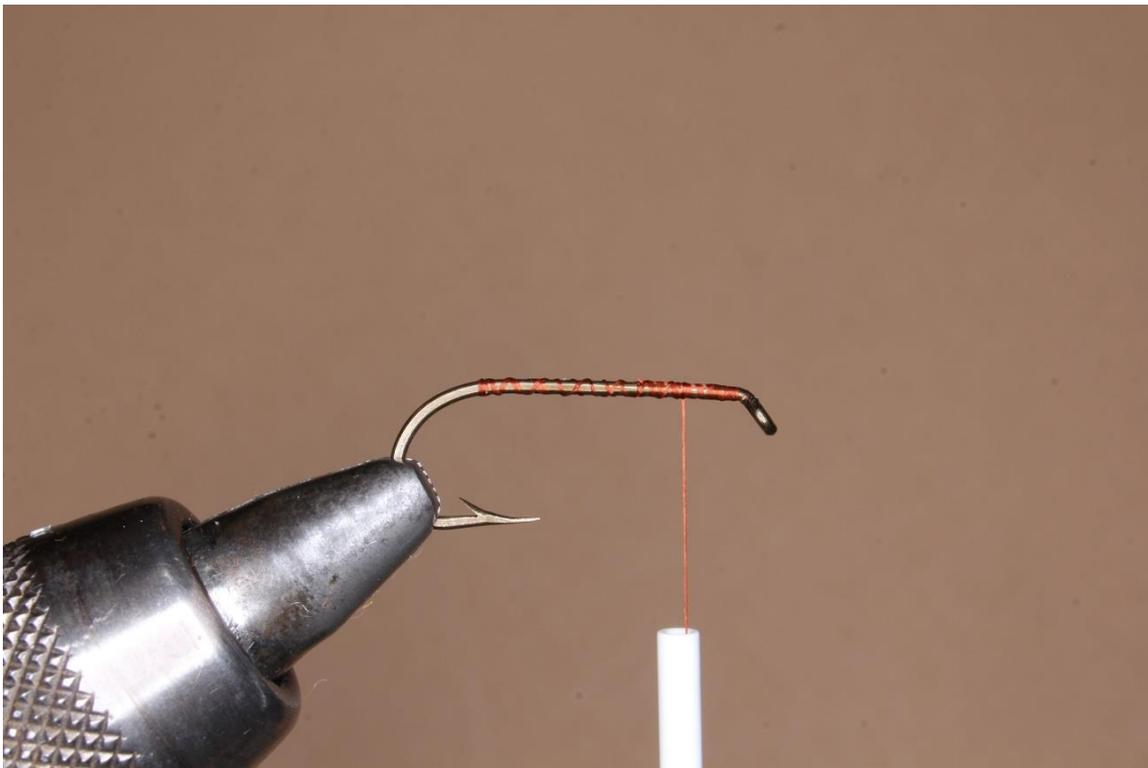
Tail: I am using Elk Hair, but any hair such as moose or deer would work

Overbody: Any color closed cell foam

Body: Floss color of your choice

Hackle: Brown 1 or 2 depending on size of the hook

Tying Steps



Step 1:

Place hook in the vise and attach the tying thread.



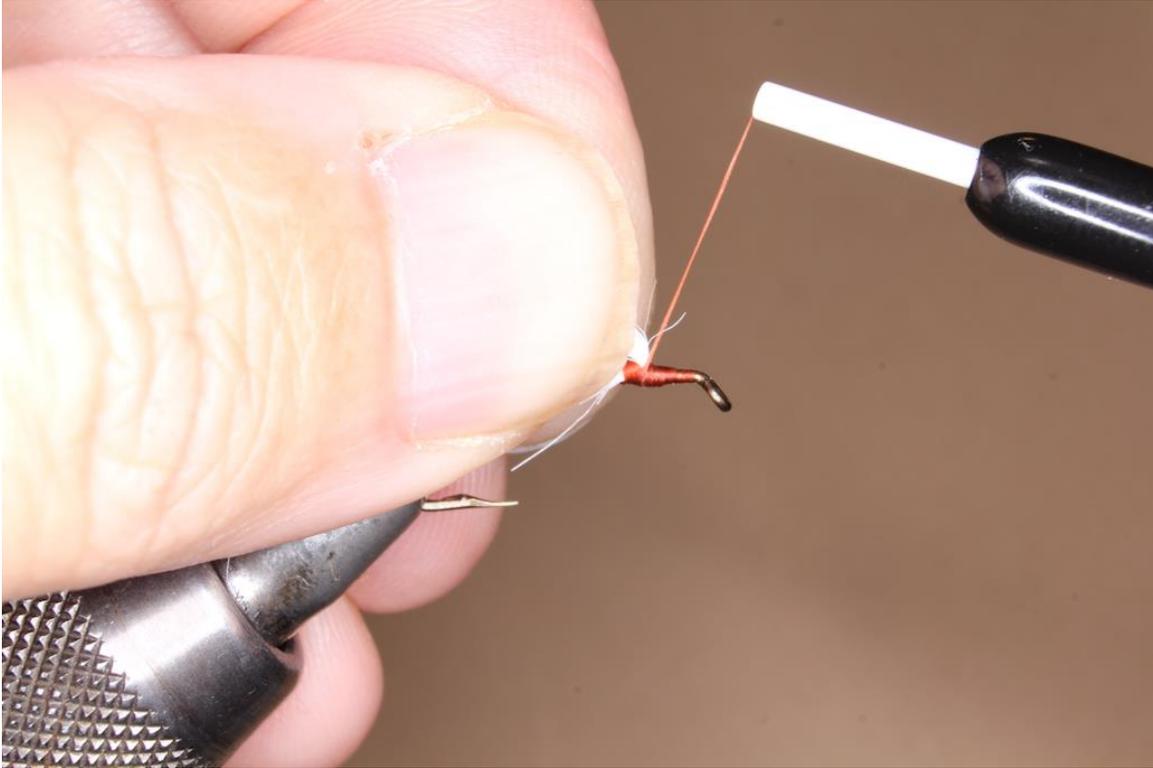
Step 2:

Stack the white calf tail. Measure; should be as long as the hook shank.



Step 3:

Secure the wing material behind the eye at the thorax section of the hook. Usually one third the hook shank length behind the eye.



Step 4:

Pull the wing material up and place jam knots right in front of the wing to help it stand up.



Step 5:

Split the wing material into 2 wings, wrap your thread around the base of each wing.



Step 6:

I am using Elk Hair for the tail. I cut a few hairs from the hide, cleaned out the underfur and stacked it in a hair stacker. Then measure the hair for the tail, it should be one shank length long. Then tie the tail at the bend of the hook. Loose wraps at the bend and tighten as you move towards the eye of the hook. If you tighten at the bend, the hair will flair and not be straight.



Step 7:

Tie in the foam behind the wing, leaving room for the hackle.



Step 8:

Wrap your thread back securing the foam to the shank of the hook. This will be an underbody to help float the fly also.



Step 9:

Bring your thread behind the wings and tie in a piece of floss, I am using yellow floss.



Step 10:

Once the floss is secured, then wrap the floss to the bend and back behind the wing.



Step 11:

Fold the foam overbody to form a shell. Secure behind the wing and trim the foam



Step 12:

Depending on the size of the fly, and the quality of your hackles, for this size 8 fly I am using 2 brown hackles.



Final Step:

Wrap the hackles, tie them off and whip finish you are done.



Editors Notes: Comments from the editor.

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