

## Tying Bench - The Tarpon Toad by Enver Hysni

*Editor's note: The Tarpon Toad was developed by Gary Merriman of Atlanta, GA. The Toad is a lightweight, slow sinking fly designed for sight casting, and when it was introduced in the early 1990s in the Florida Keys, it immediately improved the hook-up rates for anglers pursuing skittish fish. This fly may also be tied with a rabbit strip tail.*

### Materials:

Hook: Owner Aki (or similar) size 2/0

Thread: Flat waxed nylon 3/0

Tail: Marabou

Body: Rug yarn or synthetic material

Eyes: Optional

### Tying Instructions:

Pic 1 - use your favorite hook. This is an Owner Aki hook in 2/0 and base wrap with thread of predominant color

Pic 2- select a tuft of marabou and spin around base of hook, straight off the shank.

Pic 3 *\*optional\** attach dumbbell weighted eyes with figure eight wraps. You can also tie with unweighted / plastic eyes, or no eyes.

Pic 4-5 begin tying in rug yarn or synthetic material from base towards eye of hook. Figure eight wraps like the eyes, or "v" style, whichever you're comfortable with. When done, brush fibers out from shank of hook.

Pic 6-7 trim to shape. Eyeball method, or thumbnail, or coin to guide cuts. Top and side profiles

Light colors for clear water- purples or blacks for stained or dark water

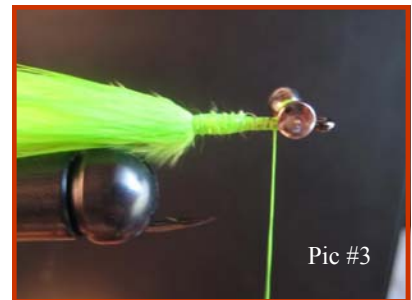
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Pic #1



Pic #2



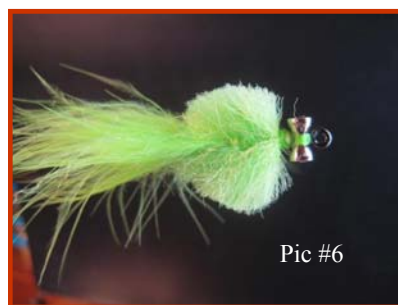
Pic #3



Pic #4



Pic #5



Pic #6



Pic #7