

## Tying Bench - Kumisky's Furry Foam Crab by Paul Sequira

Crab imitations are useful patterns for many of our in-shore fish. John Kumisky's Furry Foam Crab fly is a simple to tie, easy to cast and effective pattern. We should always have a crab pattern available when we are fishing the flats and this one will produce for you.

### Materials:

- Hook: Mustad 3407 or similar, sizes 1 – 6
- Thread: 3/0 black
- Eyes: Unpainted lead eyes 1/160 for small to 1/36 for large flies
- Tail: Soft brown fur
- Claws: Natural grizzly hackle
- Legs: Natural grizzly hackle
- Carapace: Olive or tan Furry Foam

### Tying directions:

1. Mash down barb and place a #4 hook in vise in the point down position.
2. Tie thread in about ¼" behind hook eye and make a small bump of thread building towards the hook eye.
3. Tie the lead eyes in using the figure eight method. Place a drop of cement on thread wraps to help secure the eyes.
4. Move the thread down to the beginning of the hook bend. Select a small bunch of brown fur (calf tail is okay) and tie it in at the hook bend. The fur should extend about ½" beyond the back of the hook.
5. Select 4 thin grizzly hackles and strip off all the barbs leaving the tips full and slightly longer than the fur tail. Pair up two sets of hackles and tie in each set on either side of the fur tail to simulate claws.
6. Turn the hook over in the vise so that the hook point is now on the top.
7. Cut a small patch of olive (or tan) Furry Foam about ½" square. Tie one corner of the foam patch to the hook shank right at the start of the bend. Let the foam stick out over the hook point for the time being.
8. Select one soft wide grizzly hackle, strip off the fluff at the bottom of the stem and tie it in directly in front of where you tied in the foam patch.
9. Palmer the grizzly hackle forward and tie in right behind the lead eyes. Cut off the excess hackle and discard. Cut away the hackle barbs on top and bottom of the fly leaving just the hackle barbs on the sides. Move the thread ahead of the eyes.
10. Fold the foam patch over towards the lead eyes and tie down the corner of the foam patch in front of the lead eyes (just behind the hook eye).  
Take several wraps of thread to form a head, whip finish and cement.

Note: You have to adjust the size of the foam patch to fit the size of the hook you are using. The foam patch should lay flat against the hook shank with no slack. You may trim off the two points of Furry Foam to create a more round body or leave them as is.



Top View



Bottom View

Kumisky Furry Foam Crab. Sequira tie & photo