## Tying Bench - The Beetle Tied by Pat Damico

The beetle works well for anything that eats terrestrials. I like to fish them close to shore especially under trees, old bridges or even in open water. Sometime delivering it with a splash will draw fish to the fly. This pattern can be modified to make brown, chartreuse or any other beetle variation you prefer.

## Materials:

2x long dry fly hook (12-16)

Black thread

Black, and orange 2 mm closed cell

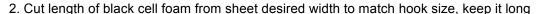
foam

Peacock herl

Black crystal flash

## **Tying Sequence**

 Wrap black thread back to beginning of bend of hook



- 3. Cut little point at end of strip and secure to top of hook, wrapping back to hook bend
- 4. Tie in 2 butt ends of peacock heel at back of hook and wrap thread forward close to hook eye.
- 5. Wrap peacock herl strands forward and tie off near hook eye
- 6. Pull foam forward and wrap thread over foam a couple times; add a few wraps between foam and hook eye. Using hook eye as a guide, cut off excess foam leaving the beetle's head
- 7. Place small strip of orange foam on top of tie in point and wrap a couple times to secure "hot spot," needed to see black fly on the water, cut off excess orange foam
- 8. Turn over fly and tie in 3 strands of black crystal flash by bending over thread, ends will point rearward and will be trimmed to form legs.
- 9. Make a few wraps between foam and hook point and whip finish. Coat thread tie off point with head cement.

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