

Tying Bench Bill Scarola's Bass Toad, Maggiore Outing Winner



This bass toad is a derivation of the 'Tarpon Toad' pattern. I learned this from Bruce Evensen at Bill Jackson's in a Monday night tying class.

(This is the fly that Bill tied and used to catch the 14.5-inch bass that won the bass category at the August outing on Lake Maggiore, Editor)

Materials

Hook: Size 2 stinger type. Or your choice.

Body: Craft foam, yellow, light & medium. Chartreuse Green. Stack onto each other. Alternate colors. Leave a darker green at front...Note I used sticky back type, but you can glue non-sticky back together. Length of body should match hook shank length

Tail: Marabou, yellow/chartreuse

Legs: Silly legs, yellow-striped.

Eyes: I used small craft bubble eyes, but most any will do. Glue to front sides just behind hook's eye. I used E-6000 glue

Spots: Green marker spaced around foam.

Thread: Green flat waxed 210 denier

Tying Sequence

Step 1. Wrap hook shaft from behind eye to the bend. Then tie marabou on tail in front of hook bend

Step 2. Trim glued foam into a tapered wedge shape, about 1 X 1/4 inches thick. and 3/4" at front, tapering to 1" at rear

Step 3. Heated my bodkin and pushed it thru foam body. Re-glue to allow for hook.

Step 4. Drop super glue on hook shank and push on foam body, widest end at rear. Leave hook eye exposed.

Step 5. Add silly legs. There are several methods to attach them, I used a sewing needle with a large eye, and insert 1 or 2 legs into eye, then push thru the body. Then add a dab of glue where they protrude. In this fly you can see I used 3 legs about 2 1/2" -3" long so about an inch or so hangs out each side. I spaced them about 1/4" apart.

Step 6. Spots. I used a green marker all around the foam body.

Bill