

Tying Bench –Bruce’s Evensen’s take on the Gartside Gurgler

Bruce Evensen led fly tiers with the step-by-steps for the ever popular Gartside Gurgler at his home/fly studio on July 26. Bill Scarola took notes (and a picture of his flies) and submitted the materials and tying sequence. Thanks, Bill

Materials

Hook: Size 1 or 1/0 Stinger

Tail: Color of choice. Pick any one – bucktail, Steve Farrar, Craft Fur, or EP Fibers.

Underbody: Chenille to match the color of the tail.

Body: Foam, color of choice

Flash: Add flash if not using Steve Ferrar, as it has its own flash

Eyes: Stick-on, or bubble eyes with stems. Or Magic Marker.

Thread: Flat wax color to match the foam



Tying Sequence

Wrap thread from hook eye to bend.

Tie-in tail material just in front of hook point on shaft.

Tie in foam at end of tail material so foam hangs backward over hook end. Note that it'll be pulled forward and later secured just behind the hook eye. Foam should be cut into strips about ¼" to 3/8" wide, and about 2" long depending on hook size.

Add flash if desired

Now, tie in chenille. Tie it off in front of the foam at the top of the tail material. Add glue here to hold material in place then bring thread forward toward hook eye. Leave a ¼" space behind the hook eye to tie off the foam. Wrap chenille forward, tie it off, and add a dab of glue

Bring Foam forward leaving a hump over chenille material, place a few thread wraps to anchor form ahead of Chenille then bend foam back on itself to form small bubble over hook eye and tie off as pictured. Add eyes, and glue in or color sides of the head of the foam red and or black to simulate eyes. Also don't forget to add glue to thread wraps that form head!

Option: Add stripes to tail material with magic marker...keep it an odd number of stripes, 5 or 7 depending on length of tail.

Bill