



Foam Dragon Adult



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Pattern Description

Here's a cool little foam dragon pattern I have been playing with lately. I think it will work nicely on our local bass ponds and is a pretty quick and easy tie. I must admit I haven't thrown this one in the water just yet, but the thing looks so cool I just had to share it. Let me know what you think...

Materials Needed:

Hook: TMC 100SPBL
#8.....
Thread: 6/0 UNI
Blue.....Abdomen
: Loco
Foam.....Wings:
White SuperHair.....Thorax:
Blue Antron
dubbing.....Eyes:.....Blac
k Mono Eyes

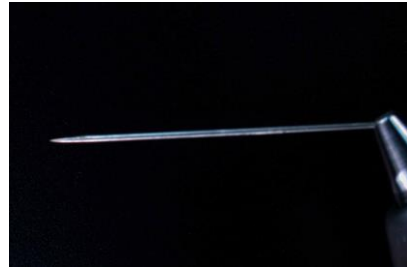
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Cut a piece of loco foam in an elongated hourglass shape as shown. You will be folding this piece over to form the extended body on the bug, so you want the strip to be skinniest in the middle.



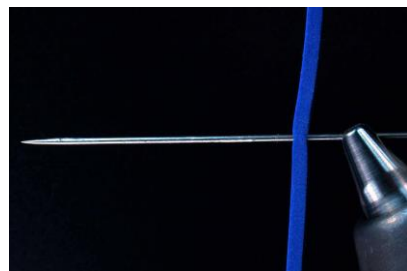
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Place a large hat pin or sewing needle in the jaws of your vise.



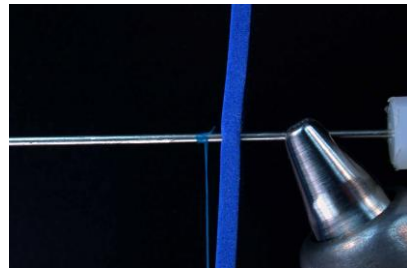
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Poke the needle through the foam with the metallic side toward the vise/eye of the needle. slide the foam back to near the jaws of the vise.



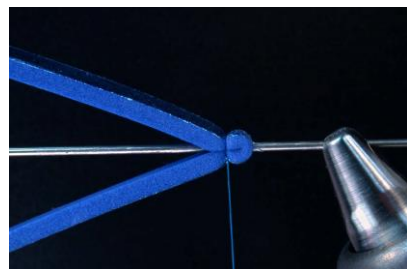
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Start the tying thread with just a few turns immediately in front of the foam.



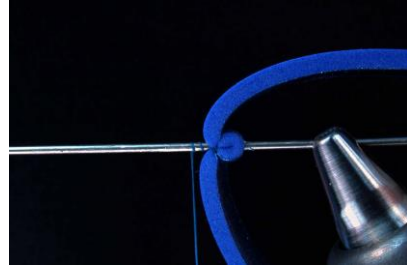
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Fold both the top and the bottom of the foam down onto the needle and make a few tight turns of thread to form the first segment.



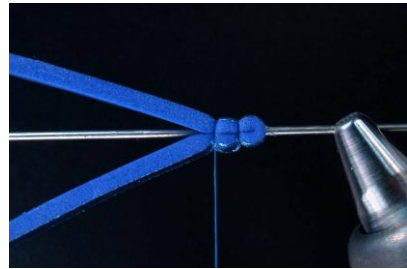
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Oull both ends of the foam back and advance the thread forward on the needle with wide spiraling turns. Move the thread just far enough forward for the next segment.



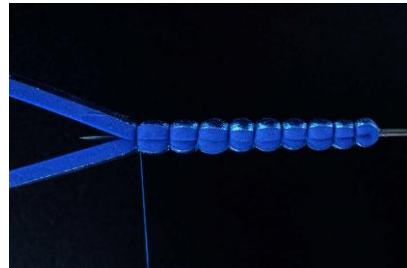
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Make the second segment as you did the first with several tight turns of thread.



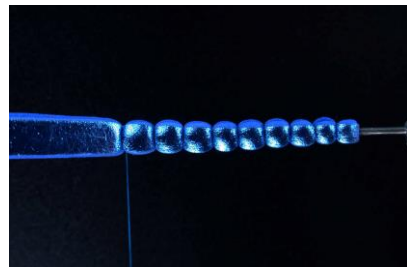
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Continue the above process creating several segments along the foam. I try to make the segments slightly bigger toward the front end of the body as I go. Whip finish the thread at the last segment, but do not cut it just yet.



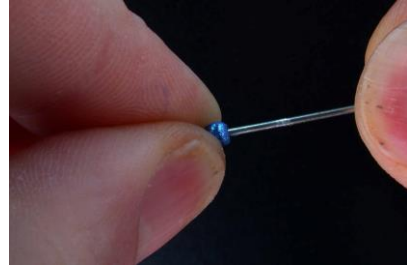
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Top view of the extended foam body. Pretty slick, eh?



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Pull the foam body off the needle with steady even pressure. Clip the thread off flush at this point. Once the body is off the needle, it is easier to get a close cut on the thread.



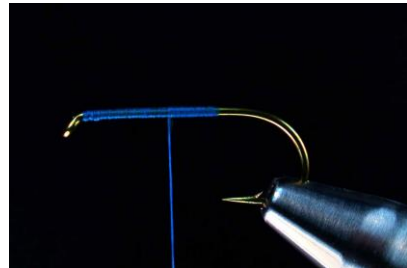
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Now you should have something that looks a little like this...



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Place a hook in the vise and start the thread behind the hook eye. Wrap a thread base to the bend and then bring the thread back to the center of the shank.



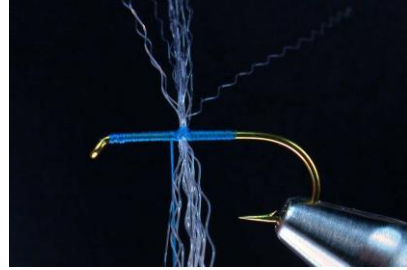
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Tie in a SPARSE clump of white Super Hair. You need about twenty or so strands, anymore and the fly will spin like a mutha when you cast it. Tie these strans in like spinner wings, with a few diagonal wraps to start...



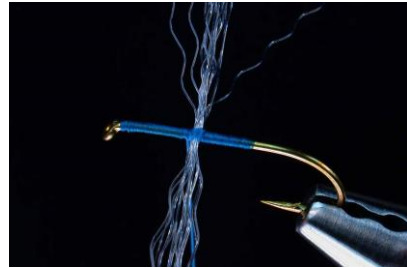
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Make a few more diagonal wraps going the opposite direction of the first ones. You are essentially making X-wraps around the wings to form a set of spinner wings.



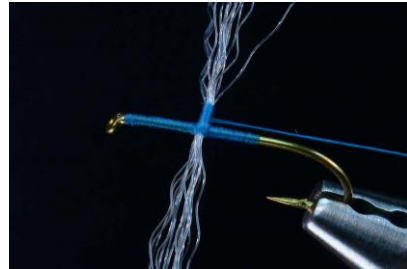
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Do your wings look like this? They should.



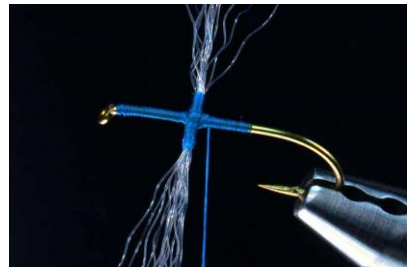
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Make a few post wraps around the far wing to group the fibers together as shown.



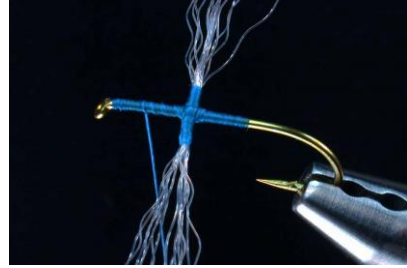
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Post around the base of the near wing as well. make a final anchor wrap around the hook shank to lock everything down.



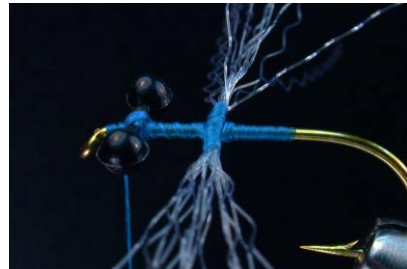
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Move the thread forward to about three eye lengths back from the hook eye.



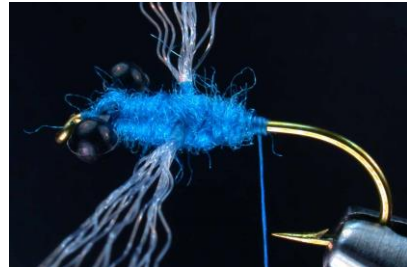
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Tie in a pair of Mono Eyes just like you did for the wings...with x-wraps. Posting the eyes is not necessary.



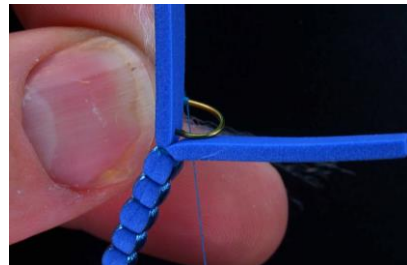
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Dub the thread with some blue dubbing...not too much and not too little.. Wrap the dubbing around the shank, figure eighting around the eyes and the base of the wings, working your way from the front of the hook to the bend.



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Push the hook point through the foam extended body near the base of the last segment.



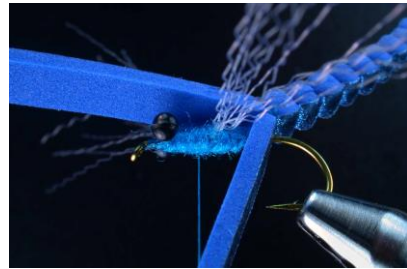
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Push the foam up the hook so it butts against the dubbing, with one strip on top of the shank and one on the bottom.



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Jump the thread over the top of the dubbing so it is in front of the wings. Pull the top strip of foam tightly forward over the top of the dubbing.



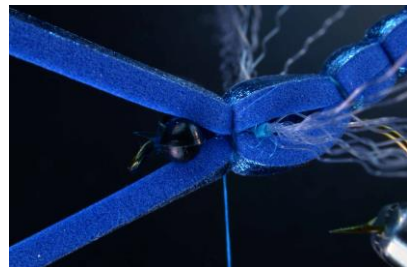
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Pull the bottom piece of foam tight along the underside of the hook shank. Make a couple tight wraps over the foam, pinning it to the bottom of the fly.



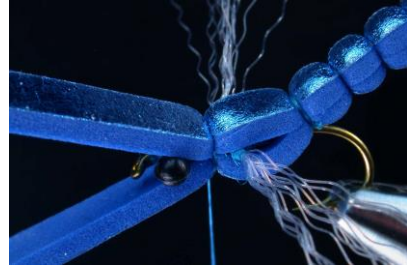
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Pull the top strip tight again and tie it down in the same place as the bottom piece.



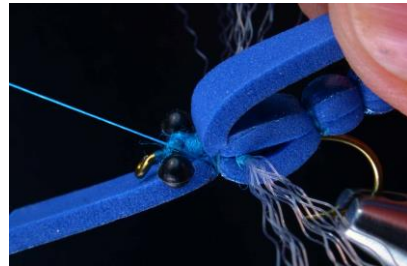
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Yours looks about like this now, right?



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Pull the top piece of foam back again and advance the thread forward to the front of the eyes.



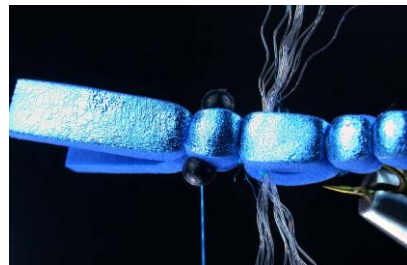
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Bind the bottom piece of foam to the shank right behind the hook eye on the bottom of the hook.



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Bind the top piece of foam down as you did with the bottom piece.



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Bottom view



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Green version...

