

# Fly of the Month: Stealth Bomber

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This pattern was developed by South Georgia guide Kent Edmonds for warm-water fishing and is essentially a “quickie” foam version of traditional slider/diver flies such as the famous Dahlberg Diver and others . It can be tied in a myriad of sizes to accommodate fishing for large bass to bream and has even been used in larger versions for salt water species. Color choices are unlimited.



Materials:      Body - 2mm foam pattern (cut to template design)  
Hook – Gamakatsu B10S, Size 1-6  
                  Gamakatsu SC15, Size 1-2/0  
Thread – 3/0 Uni-thread or equivalent  
Tail – Bucktail and Flash  
Body Dubbing – Sparkle fiber dub or medium Chenille  
Underwing (optional) – Flashabou

Trace foam from pattern template and cut.  
Template available at Kent Edmonds' [website](#).



Start thread base mid-hookshank and wrap back to bend of hook. Tie in lower (lighter) portion of tail, length approximately 2 hook lengths. Keep it SPARSE!



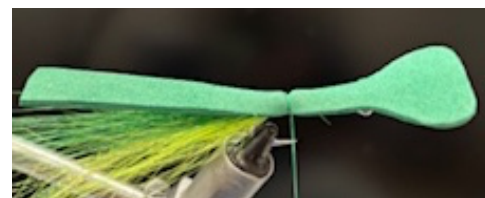
Tie in 4-6 strands of Chrystal flash same length as tail material.



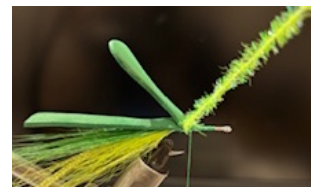
Tie in top (darker) portion of tail. Again...keep it SPARSE.



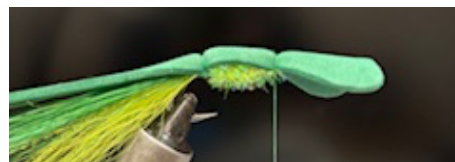
Place foam pattern on top of hook, so that the “flared” portion starts just behind the hook eye. Tie in the foam towards the rear just above the hook point.



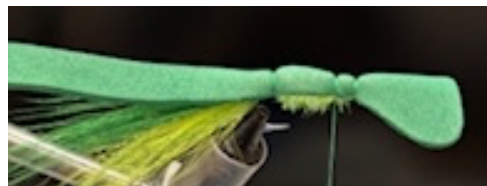
Fold back the flared portion of the foam and tie in the chenille/dubbing and wrap forward to one eye-width behind the hook eye.



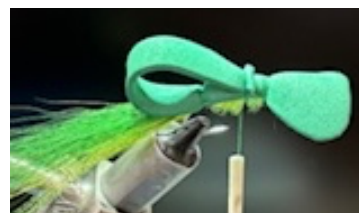
Fold the flared portion of the foam back to its former position and tie in just behind the hook eye. You have now created a "thorax" with the foam/dubbing.



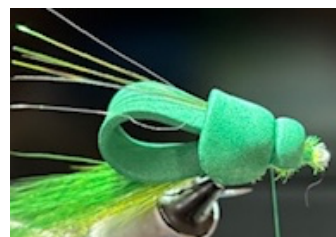
Move thread rearward to approximately 1/3 the distance of the "thorax" and take a few thread wraps to create a small bubble in the foam.



Fold the rear extension of the foam forward creating a loop. Size of the loop is optional and will determine the amount of water/air it will move when stripped. Tie this foam section in at the rear of the "bubble" created in the previous step and trim the excess. (Optional: flashabou can be tied in here and can be laid back over the top of the loop extending rearward.)



Fold the flared section of the foam back and lay it over the foam loop previously created. Tie in the flared portion by creating a small "head" as shown.



Tie in rubber legs and trim to desired length.

