August 2020
FLY OF THE MONTH
“Panfish Gurgler”

Panfish Gurgler
The Gurgler was created by the late Jack Gartside to fish for Stripers as a top water fly. Simple and easy to tie. The fly lip extends past the hook eye to help push and pop the water on the surface. We can scale it down for bass and panfish.
Materials:
Hook: 2XL Nymph hook (but any hook can be used)
Thread: Color to match foam 6/0
Tail: Bucktail or Calf tail any color, you can even add Krystal Flash to the tail
Legs: Rubber Legs or palmer rib a hackle through the body
Body: Dubbing, chenille, Braided Ribbon use your imagination
Over body: 2 mm foam. And add a second layer for easy to see sight

**Tying Steps**

**Step 1**
Place your hook in the vise. Attach tying thread behind the eye of the hook.

**Step 2**
Stack and measure the bucktail to be the length of the shank of the hook.
Step 3
Bring the bucktail to the bend of the hook.

Step 4
Tie in the bucktail at the mid-shank point.

Step 5
Secure the bucktail to the shank of the hook.
Step 6
Cut 2 pieces of different color 2mm foam. They should be a hook gap length wide.

Step 7
Tie in the foam, securing the foam to the shank of the hook. End your tying thread at the bend of the hook.

Step 8
Dub the body. Starting at the bend of the hook
Step 9
Stop dubbing at the half shank point

Step 10
Tie in the rubber legs at the half way point.

2 strands of rubber legs

Step 11
Continue dubbing to behind the eye of the hook
Step 12
Come back towards the bend of the hook with the dubbing. End at the 1/4 spot behind the eye. This is the tie in point for the foam.

Step 13
Fold the foam over the body.

Step 14
Tie in the foam. Cut the foam leaving some of the foam sticking over the eye of the hook. Length is up to you for the action of the popping.
Step 15
Add the second piece of foam to the top of the over body. Cut to shape

Whipfinish and add head cement to the wraps.

Editors Notes: Comments from the editor.

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