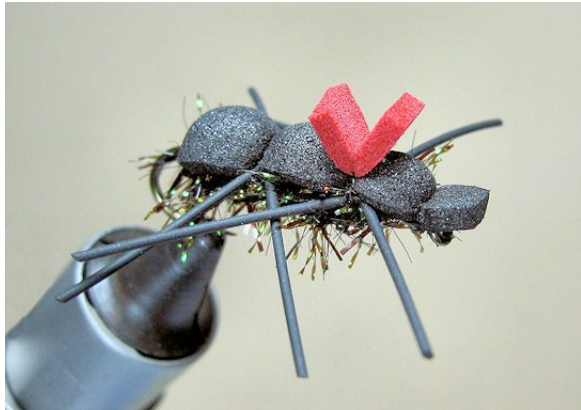


## CHERNOBYL ANT VARIANT



### Recipe

Hook.....Nymph or streamer, 3XL, size 6-10

Thread.....Black, 6/0 or 3/0

Underbody.....Pearl black or peacock tinsel/Estaz

Overbody.....Closed cell black foam, 2mm, or medium cylinder

Legs.....Black round rubber

Indicator.....Closed cell foam, 2mm, red

1. Place the hook in the vise. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a neat thread base back to the bend of the hook shank. Cut off the thread tag.
2. Cut a strip of foam about the width of the hook gap and about 2"-3" long. Cut a point in one end and tie it in on top of the hook shank at the hook bend by the middle of the point. Wrap tightly over the foam butt to compress it. The length of the foam should extend out over the hook bend. *(Be sure to tie the foam in by the middle of the point to avoid having the foam strip break off when the foam is pulled forward later.)*
3. Cut a 4" - 5" piece of estaz/tinsel and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank at the same point where you tied in the foam, then wrap it forward in tight touching turns to slightly behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess tinsel/estaz and then make 2-3 wide turns of thread back toward the hook bend to return the thread to a point about 2/3ds of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Let the thread hang.
4. Fold the foam forward tautly on top of the hook shank and tie it down on top of the hook shank at the 2/3ds point where you left the thread, creating the first body segment.
5. Cut a couple of 2" rubber leg segments. Tie one by its middle on each side of fly body where you tied down the first body segment.
6. Now lift the foam and make a wide wrap of thread under it forward for another third of the hook shank. Lower the foam and tie it down as in step 4 creating a second body segment.

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7. Again tie in legs on the second body segment as you did in step 5, then cut a small segment of red 2mm foam about 1/2 the width of the hook gap and tie it in on top of the hook shank over the wraps securing the second body segment.
8. Lift the foam and move the thread in a wide wrap to directly behind the hook eye. Pull the remaining foam segment of foam forward and tie it down directly behind the hook eye, do a whip finish, and cut the thread.
9. Pull the remaining foam forward over the hook eye, and with your scissors just in front of the hook eye, cut straight across the foam to form a head. At your option, you may round the edges of the foam head.
10. Trim each of the legs to about the length of the body and trim the colored indicator to suit your needs.