

CHUBBY CHERNOBYL



Recipe (popular variations include black with a purple body and green)

Hook.....size 6-10 TMC 5262 Nymph and Streamer Hook (any 2x heavy, 2x long down eye nymph/streamer hook will work)

Thread....UTC 140 or UNI 6/0 (color matched to main foam body)

Tail.....Krystal Flash Pearl

Body.....Ice Dub UV Tan

Foam.....2mm Tan craft foam

Wing.....White EP Fibers or White EP Triggerpoint Fibers

Legs.....Rubbers Legs in a color complimentary to body

Material Prep:

- a) Prep foam underbody: cut a strip of foam about 1/8-1/4 inch wide. Length doesn't matter. This adds bulk and floatation. Color doesn't matter as it won't be seen.
- b) Prep foam body: cut a strip of foam about the width of one hook gap. Trim one end of the foam into a rounded point as the butt.
- c) Prep wings: cut about a 1/4 inch wide section of wing material from the hank. From this length, cut a section about 1.5 inches long and cut a 2 inch long section.

Tying Process:

1. Place hook in vise and start thread about two eye lengths behind the hook eye. Take a few wraps back towards the hook point and cut the thread tag.
2. Cut two pieces of crystal flash from the hank and fold them in half.
3. Tie them in at the tie in point with a few wraps. Sweep the strands rearward and wrap the thread back to the start of the hook bend.
4. Cut the tail slightly longer than a hook gap.

5. Wrap thread to the original tie in point with open spiral wraps.
6. Tie the foam strip in at the original tie in point and (optional: apply super glue to hook shank before wrapping thread back to the hook bend) wrap back to the start of the tail with loose open spiral wraps. At the tail, place a few tight thread wraps on the foam.
7. Cut the foam at the tail or pull the foam toward the hook eye to break it off.
8. Create a thin dubbing noodle about 2 inches long and wrap it from the tail to the start of the hook point, covering the foam underbody.
9. Take the prepared foam body and lay it on top of the hook shank so it extends a little beyond the hook bend but shorter than the tail. Pinch it with your non-tying hand and place a few wraps on it to bind it to the shank.
10. Snip a single strand of rubber legs about 4 inches long. Fold it in half and tie it in at the halfway point of the folded section.
11. Adjust the legs to either side of the body. Do not snip the loop yet.
12. Take the 1.5-inch-long section of wing material and tie it in at its midpoint on top of the foam with a few wraps.
13. Prepare a long dubbing noodle on your thread. Pull the wing material rearward and wrap the dubbed thread in front of the wing material with two wraps.
14. Lift the foam body and begin wrapping the dubbed thread forward, covering the foam underbody.
15. Continue dubbing the body until you reach 2-3 full eye lengths behind the hook eye.
16. Bring the foam body forward and tie it in with several tight wraps where the dubbed body ends.
17. Snip a single strand of rubber legs about 4 inches long. Fold it in half and tie it in at the halfway point of the folded section.
18. Adjust the legs to either side of the body. Do not snip the loop yet.
19. Take the 2-inch-long section of wing material and tie it in at its midpoint on the top of the foam.
20. Prepare thin 2-inch dubbing noodle. Pull the wing material rearwards and dub in front of it, on top of the foam.
21. Lift the foam body and dub in front of the foam until you reach the hook eye.
22. Whip finish. Trim leg loops and trim legs to desire length. Pull the wing material up as one section and trim at a 45-degree angle towards the hook bend.