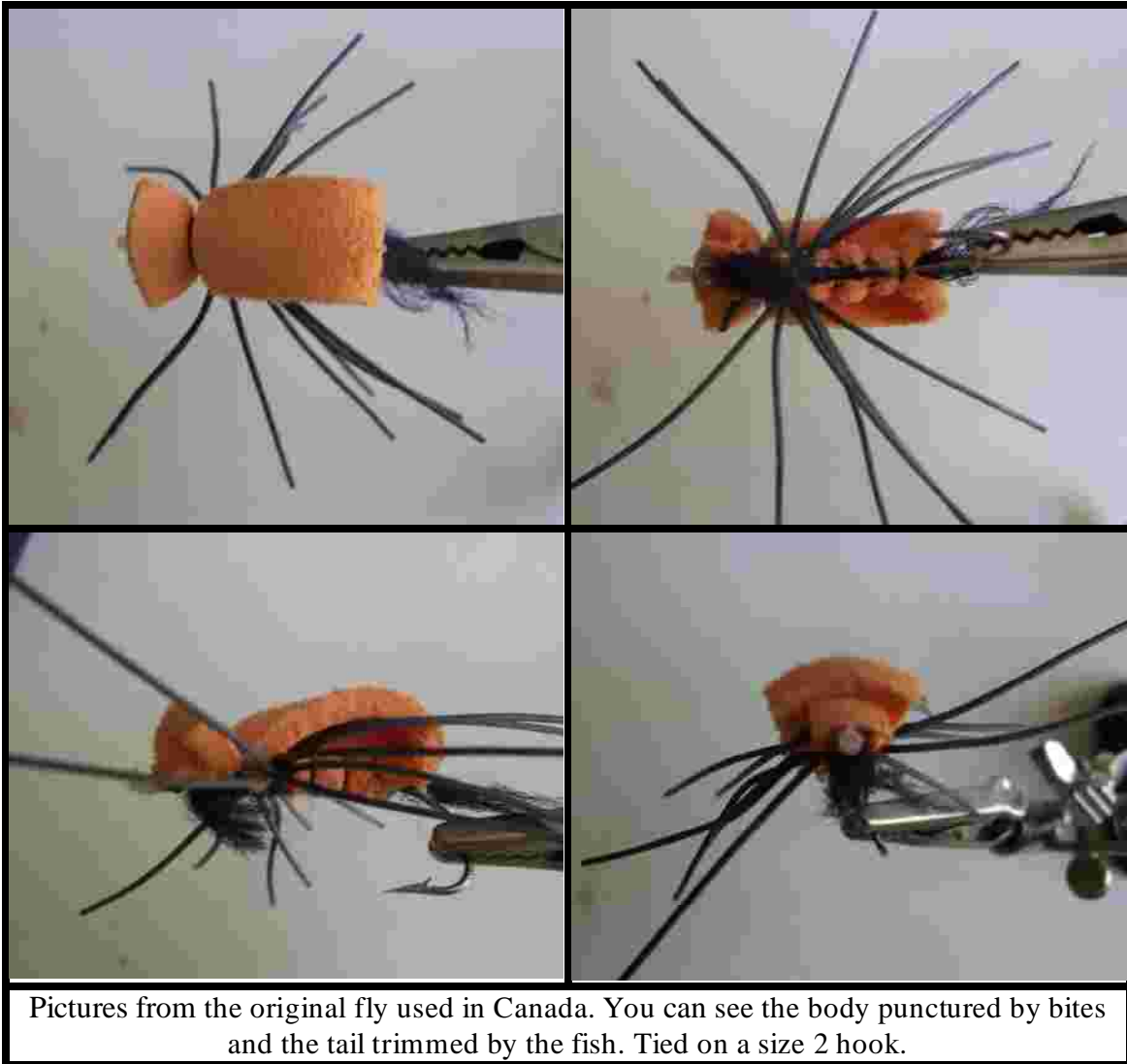


EL Orange Gurgler Variation

Recommended and tied by *Elio Londero*



Pictures from the original fly used in Canada. You can see the body punctured by bites and the tail trimmed by the fish. Tied on a size 2 hook.

Materials:

- Hook: Any sproat or popper, #8-3/0
- Thread: Flat waxed nylon, black
- Tail: Black shiny polyester yarn
- Underbody: Black shiny polyester yarn
- Body: 3mm craft foam (closed cell), orange
- Legs: Round black rubber legs
- Wingcase: 3mm craft foam (closed cell), orange
- Head: 3mm craft foam (closed cell), orange

Tying Instructions:

1. Start the thread at the front of the hook and wrap it until the bend starts.
2. Cut a 3-4 inch long piece of yarn; tie a tail about hook length on top of the hook. Do not cut the yarn. Wrap the thread to the front.
3. Use the leftover yarn to build the underbody. Wrap it very tight to the shank, twisting the yarn while wrapping in order to make a harder and thicker underbody. Go all the way to the front and secure the yarn with the end underneath the shank. Cut the remainder of the yarn leaving a ¼" beard.
4. Cut a piece of 3mm foam about 2/3 of the hook shank wide, and 3 times the length of the hook shank. Foam width depends on hook type and size, so try to adjust. Trim one end to a truncated V-shape, about 3/4 the length of the hook shank. The truncated end should be a bit wider than the outer diameter of the hook eye.
5. Place the foam piece on top of the hook with the narrower (truncated) end aligned with the end of the hook eye so it completely covers the eye. Secure the front part of the foam to the hook about 1/16" behind the hook eye. Cinch the thread tight to compress the foam against the yarn underbody.
6. Take the thread, make one tight wrap diagonally about 1/8" down the hook shank, and then two tight wraps to secure the foam at that spot and form a body segment; make another diagonal wrap down the hook and another two tight wraps; continue until you reach the end of the hook shank. Secure with a half hitch and a touch of glue.
7. Take the thread back to the before-last wrap and tie the legs.
8. Cut two three-strand rubber legs 4 times the hook length. Tie each three-strand on each side of the body. Make the wraps tight so the rubber legs will "spread".
9. Take the thread forward one last 1/8" diagonally to the place where you initially tied the foam and make one wrap over the existing ones. Fold the foam in the back to create the wing case, leaving about a 1/8" distance between the body and the wing case. Place the foam with your fingers holding it firmly against the hook shank right behind the thread, tightly cinch 4 wraps, secure with a half hitch, whip finish and add a touch of glue.
10. Finally, cut the piece of foam 1/16 to 1/8" longer than the truncated end underneath it and trim the edges with scissors to a rounder shape. The narrower and shorter you trim the head, the more of a slider (the less of a popper) the fly will work.

Fly Origin:

The gurgler was created by Jack Gartside (<http://www.jackgartside.com/>). I started tying Peter Frailey's variation (<http://www.fishingwithflies.com/index.htm>) and adapted it to my fishing.