

Forest Pest Fly Tying Instructions

MURDER HORNET



Hook: Streamer hook 4XL, #2.

Thread: Black 3/0 for body. Yellow 3/0 for head.

Stinger: Brown hackle stem, about .25" long. Color with brown marker.

Abdomen: Strips of 2mm black and gold foam wrapped at the same time. Use narrower strips of gold foam versus black foam. Shape abdomen to look wider with black yarn covered with black foam strips prior to wrapping with black and gold strips.

Legs: Large black rubber strips for legs. For rear legs, use one common piece. For the next two legs, use one piece for both mid and front legs per side.

Thorax: Shape with black yarn.

Wings: Brown Swiss straw. Attach with thread wraps and crazy glue.

Wing Case: 5mm wide piece of 1mm black foam.

Head: Gold foam. Shaped by folding piece and gluing together.

Antennae: Single piece of large black rubber strip.

Hornet's body is approximately 46mm long. The abdomen is about 30mm long, thorax 11mm long, head at 5mm long. Abdomen width is 10-11mm at its widest point. The thorax and head are not quite as wide.

The actual tying involves tying three separate sections and follows standard tying procedures. Fly designed by Sam Pleshar of Montana.