

Forest Pest Fly Tying Instructions

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY Open Wing Version



Consider using hen capes or Whiting's 4B Hen Capes as your source of wing material. The feathers need to be selected for their length and shape. Refer to online sources for actual insect pictures. These provide color, size, spotting detail, and shape. Two identical feathers were "shaped" for each fly. The shaping consists of using head cement (Hard As Nails) to coat feather and then stroke feather to form desired shape. The feather can be trimmed at the tip to achieve rounded shape. Knowing the length of the fly wing makes shaping easy. Wings can be colored with markers to achieve desired spotting.

Hook: 2XL Nymph hook, #6

Thread: UTC 70D Black.

Abdomen: Yellow 2mm foam cut with 0.5inch leather punch for the top; yellow 1mm foam cut with 0.5inch leather punch for bottom. Glue together over hook at appropriate place. Mark with black marker to develop broad black bands.

Thorax: 2mm black foam strips wrapped to form base (usually 2 or 3 windings).

Wing: For top wing use gray hen appropriately marked with black marker. Can use matte finish tape to reinforce wing by applying on back side and trimming excess. For the bottom wing, Lady Amherst Pheasant was used because that's what I had on hand that had half the feather-colored black. The lower half was colored red with a red marker and spots and markings added with a black marker. Can use

matte finish tape to reinforce if needed. Note: different choice might be to use white hen, shaped as before then colored with black and red markers to achieve desired results.

Wing case: Black razor foam, about 4mm wide.

Attach thread and wrap back to hook end above barb. Advance thread forward to point above where the abdomen will be attached. Glue abdomen foam pieces over hook with crazy glue and hold until set. Mark with black marker. Attach wing case with one end facing the rear of the hook. Attach foam strips and form thorax base. Attach wings with thread wraps and crazy glue at thorax end near hook eye. Bring razor foam piece over to form wing case and whip finish.

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