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- Material List
- Hook: Mustad 3399 size 10
- Thread: 8/0 black
- Legs: 4 Japanese Nymph Legs
- Abdomen: paper and Swiss straw

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- Tie on using a black 8/0 size thread

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- On the underside of your hook using a figure 8 wrap secure a Japanese Nymph Leg . Add it just far enough from the eye of the hook so you can form a thread head.

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- Continue to add legs as close as possible to the first one for a total of four in all

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- Be sure to minimize your thread wraps . You want this part of the fly very lean.

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- Cut and unfurl a two inch piece of Swiss straw.

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- Bunch one end of the Swiss straw and tie in on top of the hook just in front of the first legs
- At this point you will form your head

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- Move your thread back and under the Swiss straw to the last pair of legs
- Then tie down the Swiss Straw to form the thorax

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- Next cut a piece of scrap paper one inch by two and a half inches

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- Moisten the piece you've cut and form it into a ball

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- Place the paper ball onto the Swiss straw behind the last pair of legs

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- Bring the corners of the Swiss straw together capturing the paper ball inside

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- Bring the Swiss straw forward wrapping the paper ball inside
- Tie down behind the last pair of legs
- Note: moistening the Swiss straw will make it more flexible and smoother

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- Cut off the excess Swiss straw and whip finish. We will use a black Sharpie to color our spider.
- Note: this step can be eliminated by using black Swiss straw

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- Once the marker ink has dried you can gently knead the abdomen to shape

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- Now coat the thorax and abdomen with a good head cement or epoxy
- Note: Two or more coats will have a self leveling effect and result in a smoother finish

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- Now with red paint you can add the trade mark red hour glass design on the rear of the abdomen. After the paint has dried add one last coat of cement

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- Next we will shape the legs. It is best to do this with your fingers or small pliers.
- There is no need to heat sink

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- Each leg has three joints. Therefore we will need to make three bends

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- Here is a view showing the hour glass design