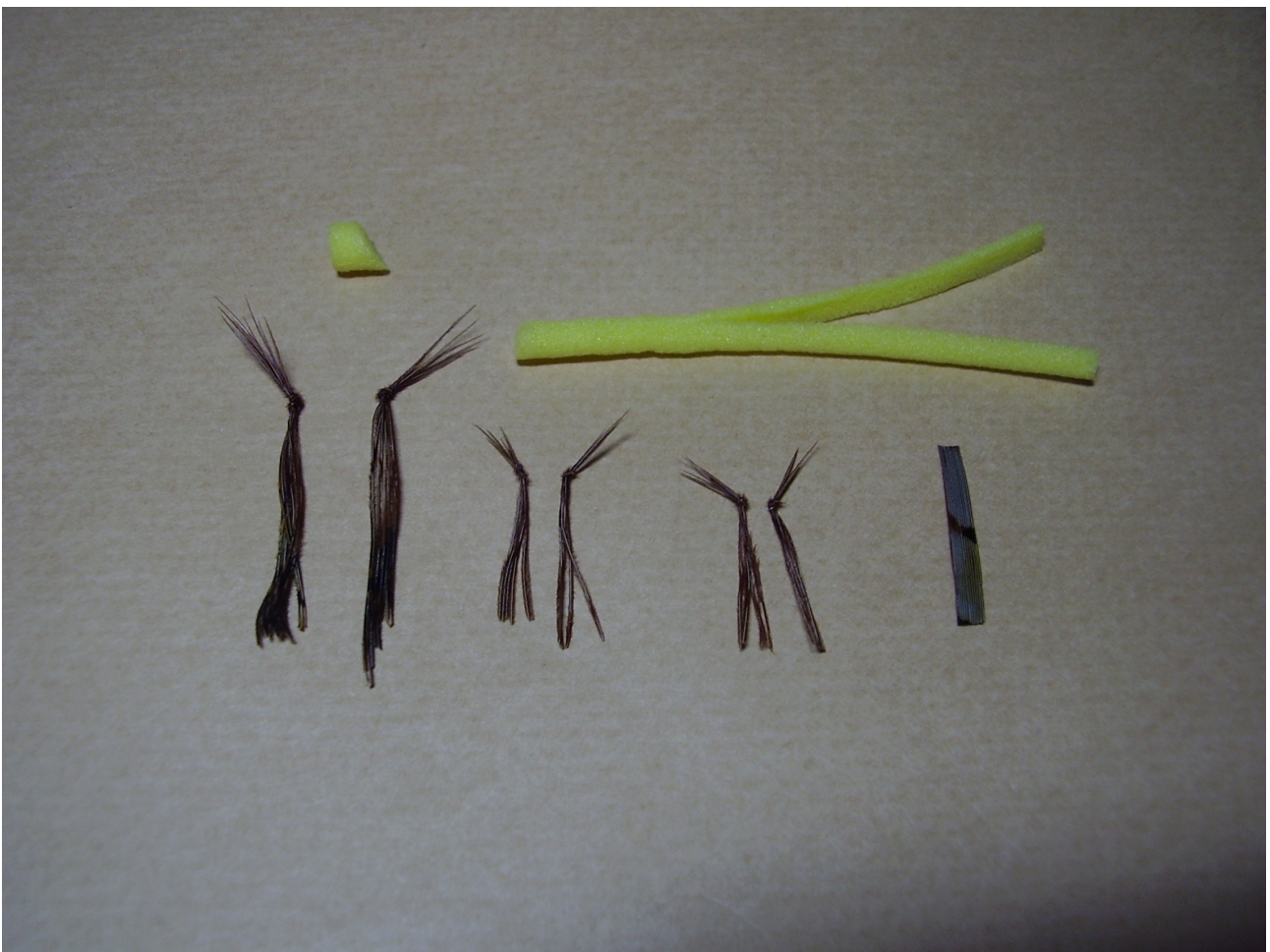


Leggy Hopper

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Materials

Hook: Kamasan B175 (*Size 12*)
Thread: Black Uni 6/0
Body: Yellow Plastazote
Head: Yellow Plastazote
Legs: Pheasant-Tail (*12 Fibers Back Legs – 6 fibers Middle & Front Legs*)
Wing: Pheasant-Tail (*10 Fibers*)



The legs can be made neater by applying a little head-cement to the tips of the Pheasant-Tail fibers.

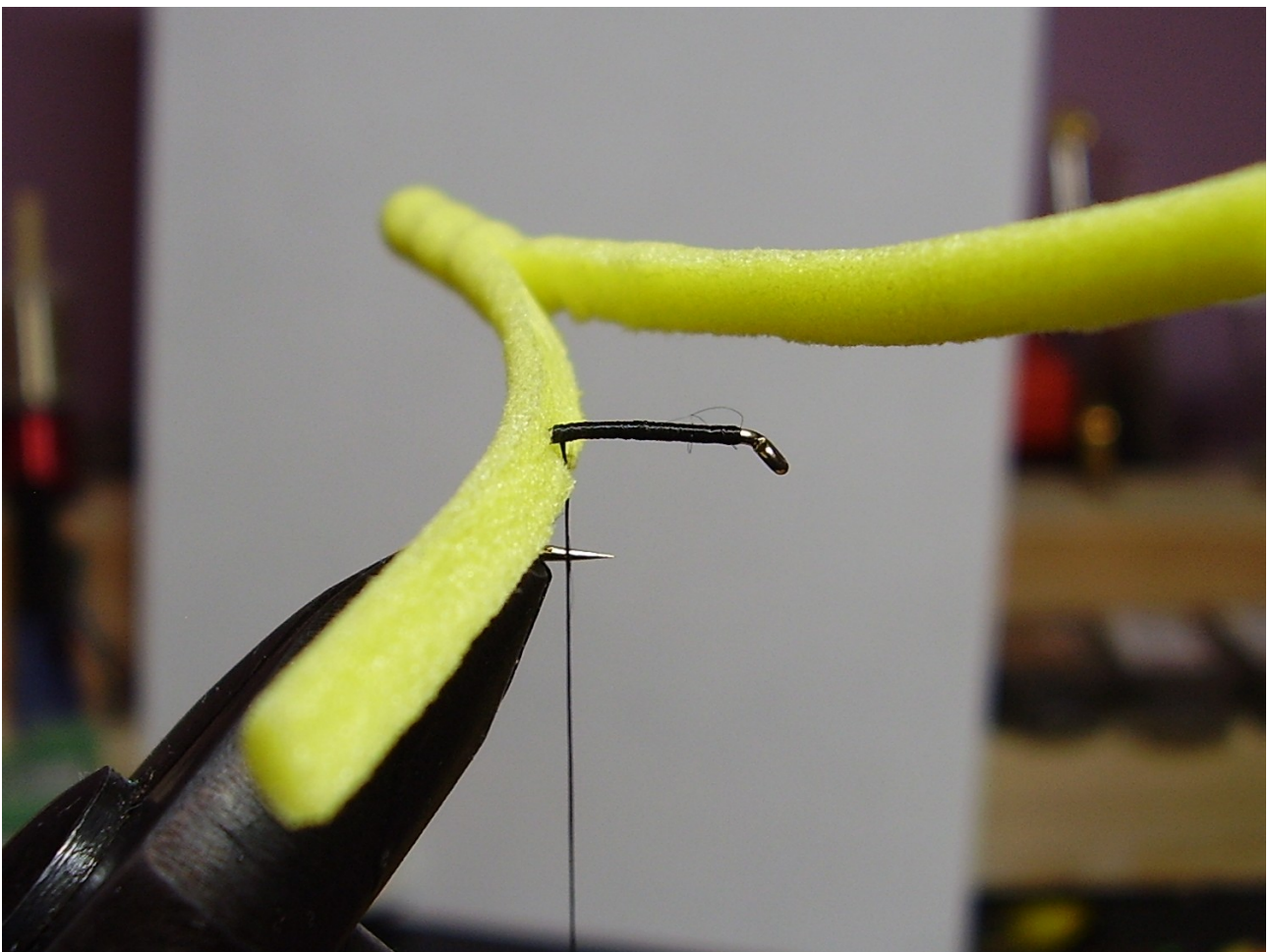
For the wing, apply head-cement to the Pheasant-Tail fibers before trimming them to size.

Tying Instructions

1. Using 'Brass Tubing', cut two cylinders from the Plastazote block. The body piece with a diameter of 4mm and the head piece with a diameter of 6mm.

With sharp knife or razor blade, cut the body piece in half, along it's length, leaving a small amount uncut.

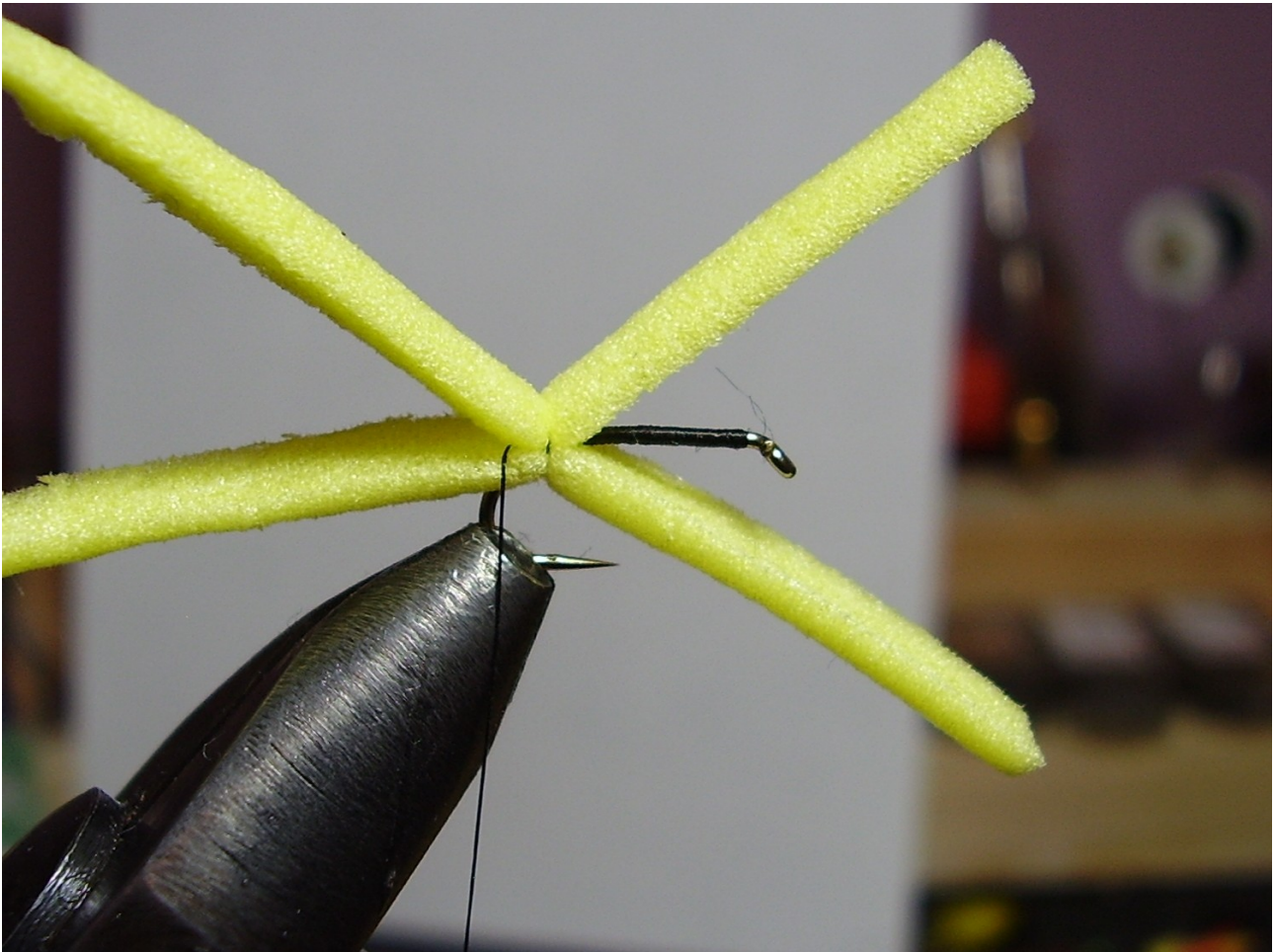
Pierce the Plastazote with the hook, half way along the cut section. Place the hook in the vise, start the thread slightly behind the hook eye, and wrap to the point above the barb.



2. Bring the thread towards yourself, between the two halves of Plastazote. Make two wraps around both halves, pulling on the second wrap.

(now you can remove the end of the Plastazote that you left uncut)

Take the thread over, then under the top half. Bring the thread back about 2mm.



3. Make another two wraps, completing the first segment.

Repeat this process until you have completed six segments, making sure to hide the thread between the two halves of Plastazote each time you start a new segment.



4. Leaving enough thread to tie off, cut the thread and tie two half-hitches.

Cut off the excess Plastazote and melt the ends to create a seventh segment.

Using a needle, coat the thread at the last segment with a few droplets of super-glue.

Re-attach the thread on the hook shank and wrap back to a point about 2mm before the first completed segment.

Seal the thread with head-cement or super-glue.



5. Using the same technique as before, create three more segments of Plastazote, finishing slightly in front of the hook-point.



6. Remove the waist Plastazote and tidy up with a few wraps of thread.
Tie in the large back Pheasant-Tail legs, on the top of the hook-shank.
Seal the thread with head-cement or super-glue.



7. Cut off the waist Pheasant-Tail fibers, and tie in the middle pair of legs under the hook-shank.

Seal the thread with head-cement or super-glue.



8. Cut off the waist Pheasant-Tail fibers, and tie in the front pair of legs under the hook-shank.

Seal the thread with head-cement or super-glue.



Cut off the waist Pheasant-Tail fibers from the front legs.

9. Tie in the Pheasant-Tail wing.

Whip-finish and seal the thread with head-cement or super-glass.



10. Make a cross-cut into the under-side of the Plastazote head, about two thirds of the way through. Place a few droplets of super-glue on the top-side of the thread wraps. Spread open the Plastazote head and glue it on.

Turn the fly upside down. Guide the two front legs into the cuts in either side of the head.

Place a few droplets of super-glue on the under-side of the thread wraps. Squeeze gently on the under-side of the Plastazote head, closing the four sections of the cross-cut Plastazote onto the super-glue.

