

Glo Bug and Booby fly

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Glo Bug

The glo bug we tied in two sizes, A small fly for use in rivers and streams and a larger version for deeper water and lake fishing. The glo bug works very well at first light.

Essentials for tying Glo bugs:

Kevlar thread – strong enough to pull it very tight. Sharp scissors

Superglue (brush type) or Gloopy glue (quick setting)

Bug shop yarn (large version) McFly foam (small version) Grub hooks.



Method:

1. Put a little superglue on the hook about one third of the way down the shank then wind 2--3 turns of your thread over the superglue.
2. Cut 2--3 lengths of globug yarn. Use McFly foam for a small bug, or regular yarn for a larger version. Use two colours, 2 strands of the first bright colour, one strand of a darker colour. Lay the dark colour on the bright colour and squeeze them together.
3. Using thumb and first two fingers to hold the yarn firmly, stretch it along the top of the hook shaft and make a firm turn with your thread. Continue to hold the yarn tightly as you tighten the tread then make two more turns, pulling thread very tightly.
4. Now grasp both ends of the yarn and stretch them upwards while you helicopter the thread in 2--3 winds between the hook and the yarn pulling very tightly before tying a half hitch or whip finish in front of the yarn. When it's secure cut the thread.



5. Holding the egg yarn stretched upwards, trim it to make a smallish, even clump.
6. Now put a dot of glue on the bottom of the hook and press the egg yarn.

Booby Fly

The booby fly can be tied in any colour, it is the movement that makes the fly attractive to trout. It should be fished in short pulls to make the fly rise and sink as it is retrieved.

Marabou (any colour), Ice chenille

Booby eye

1. Wind thread to hook bend then tie on a clump of marabou for the tail. Leave enough to make a nice fat body before trimming at top of hook. Leave room for the eyes.
2. Tie in ice chenille at the hook bend then wind thread to head. Spiral the ice chenille to the eye and tie off. Trim. Leaving room for the booby eye.
3. Hold a short piece of booby eye foam in place behind the hook eye. Tie the booby eye tightly using a figure 8 action and pulling tightly between winds. Whip finish and trim thread between the booby eye and the hook eye.
4. You can add eye dots with a black marker, or use stick--on eyes.

