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I think you got some good advice so far. Another thing, for beetles, is that you can tightly lash down the foam along the entire length of the hook shaft (if you aren't doing this now). Be sure to cover the hook shaft with a layer of thread first, then lay the foam along the hook and tightly wrap it from the eye of the hook to the bend (you have to cut the foam longer, so that it's at least twice as long as the hook shaft). Then you just fold the foam over the top of the hook to form the beetle body.

For ants, tie down the mid section tightly, and don't be afraid to make it fairly long. They look more realistic if there is a distinct separation between the abdomen and thorax. You can also lash the foam along the shaft for ants too, just cut the foam strip narrower on the section that will be lashed to the hook.

And don't worry if the bodies aren't tied on so tight that you can't twist them around the hook at all. Often you can twist them around the hook to some extent if you try to, but if they don't easily twist they will work fine.

I hope this isn't so obvious that it's stupid, but when you tie on the legs like thedude described, you don't have to cut them to their final length first. It's easier to tie them on and then cut them to the length you want.