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> 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.>>

There you go... That's the key, I think.

Not only does this better secure the foam and help minimize twist and movement, it also produces a fuller, more realistic body. Most beetles are fat bodied little guys.

What I usually do is lash the foam down and then dub a body of rust or black poly over that and then fold the foam over to finish the fly.

Peacock herl also works well for this...