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I tie and use a lot of beetles. Mine are a little simpler than most of the ones shown above. I use craft foam from wal-mart or craft store. For a size 14 hook I cut the foam into 3/16th inch wide strip. I also use standard dry fly hooks. I feel it keeps them floating longer. Lay down a layer of thread back to just past the bend of the hook. Cut the end of the foam to a point and tie it in at the end of the thread raps. Tie in two or three pieces of peacock herl at the same point and wind it forward to about 1/16th inch behind the eye, tie it off. Pull the foam forward and tie it off at this point. Pull thread tight to compress the foam. Lift the foam and wip finish under the foam. Trim the foam to form the head as shown in one of the previous posts. I do not paint or add dots to mine. I just use bright orange, green or yellow foam. the fish don't seem to care. In fact these work better for me than the black ones.