

## Quick Foam Mouse



This is a great surface fly for both bass and night fishing for trout. It's quick to tie and uses minimal, inexpensive materials. Cast the fly so that it will slap on the water, then allow it to swing with the current. It creates a wake that will attract the big ones at night.

- **Hook:** Gamakatsu B10S or equivalent, sizes 2 to 2/0
  - **Thread:** Gray or black 3/0
  - **Tail:** Brown or black chenille or thin rabbit strip (2x length of hook shank)
  - **Abdomen:** Black or brown chennile palmered with black or brown saddle hackle
  - **Body:** Grey or black foam slightly longer than the hook length and width of hook gap.
1. Cut a piece of foam slightly longer than the hook and the width of the entire hook gap. Trim so that the ends are about 2/3 of the hook gap, leaving a rounded body.
  2. Wrap thread to just before the hook bend. Lay the tail 2/3 of the way along the hook shank. Tie securely.
  3. Return the thread to just in front of the tail. Tie in the foam pointing rearward.
  4. Tie in the hackle, then the chenille.
  5. Wrap a chenille body forward, allowing room near the eye to secure the foam.
  6. Wrap the saddle hackle forward. Secure at the same point as the chenille.
  7. Fold the foam over the chenille and hackle. Secure tightly near the eye.
  8. Cut the foam, allowing a small amount in front of where it was tied in for a "head" sticking up.
  9. Build a thread dam up in front of the "head" to prop it up.
  10. Whip finish.

Here are some examples of foam mice tied by Doug Fear of San Jose. He displayed these at the Northwest Fly Tyers Expo in 2007.

