

Beetle Bailey



I found this fly pattern on a road trip to Montana several years ago. My apologies to the originator as I don't know the real name of the fly. It worked well and after a thorough review of the fly, I created this fly pattern sheet. The fish really like it!

Materials

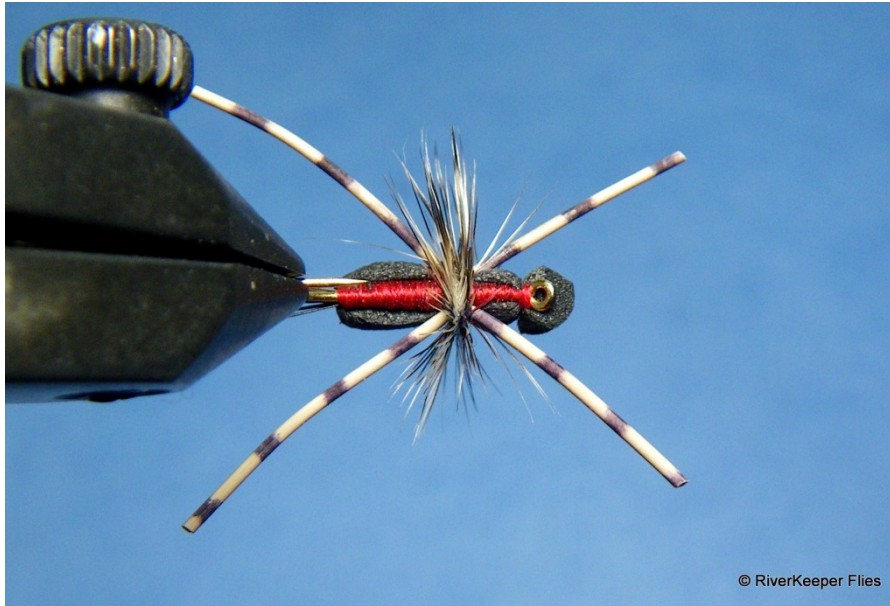
Hook:	TMC 2312 or Dai Riki 280 #14 – 12
Thread:	8/0 black or red
Tail:	Elk body hair
Body:	Black foam – 2 mm
Legs:	Tan Turantu-Leggs, Medium
Indicator:	Orange or yellow foam – 2 mm
Hackle:	Grizzly hackle

Directions:

1. Start thread on hook and advance to barb.
2. Tie on tail material and position thread back to hook eye.
3. Prepare foam by creating point and tie in at eye. Spiral thread wraps to hook barb.
4. Wrap foam with thread to create smooth same color body. Position thread at ½ way point on hook shank
5. Fold foam forward and use thread to create wide spot approx. 2 – 3 mm. This allows for smooth spot for remaining materials.
6. Tie in legs on each side of foam body.
7. Tie in indicator foam and trim to desired length.
8. Tie in hackle and wrap hackle 3 – 5 turns and tie off on side closest to you.
9. Pull remaining foam back and continue thread forward to point behind hook eye.

10. Pull foam forward and stretch a little and wrap thread 5 tight turns.
11. Whip finish by pulling foam up and away from hook eye.
12. Trim foam by leaving 2 – 3 mm past hook eye.
13. Trim legs to desired length.

A friend reminded me that Cutthroat trout really like the color red. I changed the body to red thread and call that pattern Beetle Betty.



And be sure to check out my post – [Fly Fishing with Beetles](#) to see how they work!

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