

FLY OF THE MONTH- Orange Crush Chernobyl Ant



The Chernobyl Ant was developed by Emmet Heath on Utah's Green River. The Pattern grew in popularity and became a standard on Western rivers and streams and it has been tied in many color combinations. The Orange Crush was originated by Steve Whisenand and it was the winning pattern for the 2002 One Fly contest. I have successfully fished chernobyl patterns on Western rivers and streams as well as on our home waters. Give them a try.

Recipe:

Hook: TMC 2312, 5212 or equivalent, sizes #6 - #12

Thread: 3/0 or 3/0 mono, color to match the lower body color

Underbody: Thread (may also be dubbed the same color of bottom foam color)

Body: Two pieces of 2mm closed cell foam, bottom color orange and top color tan

Legs: Medium black and white round rubber speckled legs

Indicator: White or yellow foam tied concurrently with the tying of the front legs (on large patterns use a different color indicator front and back)

Tying Instructions:

1. Crush down hook barb and build a thread base beginning above the hook point wrap thread forward to behind the hook eye.
2. Prepare two foam body parts of foam about a hook gap in width, two hook shanks in length, one orange (top) one tan (bottom) Round corners and stack.
3. Place the two layers of foam on top of the hook shank. At the hook point make several turns of thread on top of each other binding the two body layers firmly to the hook shank.
4. At this tie-in point tie-in a length of leg material on each side forming two legs of equal length each side.
5. Fold the body rearward and coat the underbody wraps with head cement or Zap-A-Gap. Fold body forward to eye.
6. Tie-down the foam body behind the hook eye and add the front set of legs and the foam indicator on top.
7. Whip finish and cement the head.
8. Trim legs to equal length (about 1 inch)
9. Cement exposed thread wraps under body.

Tips:

Optional leg colors may be black, white or yellow.

Suggested other body color combinations, tan/yellow, black/black, yellow/orange, black/tan, black/yellow,tan/white.

Body length should extend about a third shank length beyond hook bend and hook eye.

One piece precut bodies are available.

Multicolor foam strips are available.

Underbody may be dubbed matching the bottom body color

Chernobyl body cutters are available.

Go fishing!

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