

Gartside Gurgler

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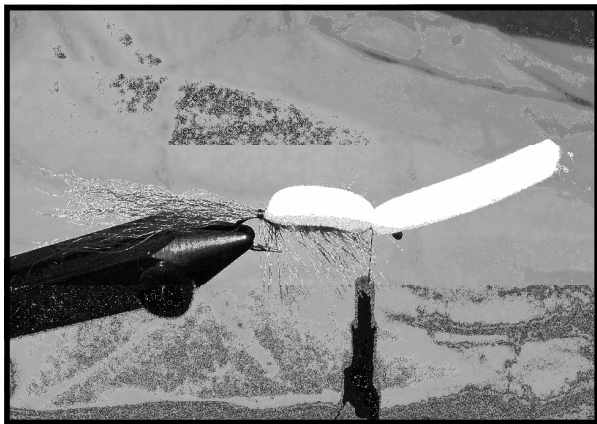
Hook	Mustad 9672 size 2-10
Thread	Black 6/0
Tail	Red Calf or Kip tail
Hackle	Grizzly
Body	White Closed Cell Foam
Beard	Red Hackle Fibers



Step 1: Start the thread and wrap to the bend of the hook. Tie in the Kip tail equal to the length of the hook. Tie in one Grizzle hackle slightly oversize for the hook, with the concave side of the feather facing forward.



Step 2: Tie in a piece of foam at least twice the length of the hook and wrap wrap the thread forward in equally spaced turns. Trim off excess. Palmer the hackle forward following the grooves made by the thread



Step 3: Fold the foam forward over the hackle and tie down about 1-2 eye widths behind the eye of the hook..



Step 4: strip a small bunch of red hackle fibers from a feather and tie them in on the bottom side of the hook facing backward. Move the thread forward to behind the eye and whip finish.

The Gurgler is another fly that Jack Gartside designed. It has, as with all flies, come to be seen in many variations of both size and color combinations. All follow primarily the same pattern of construction though. This fly acts like a popper and is very effective in the summer months when fished to the pockets along the edge of your favorite pond or stream. I have had Largemouth Bass come clear out of the water going after it. I like to cast it into a picket in the lily pads and let it sit for several seconds before using the tip of the rod to “pop” it along the surface. Give it a try in your favorite color combination, and if you know there are big fish around, don’t be afraid to use a big size of this fly. Have fun!!