

## FOAM CRANEFLY TYING INSTRUCTIONS

1. De-barb the hook and position it in the vise, then lay a thread base on the hook from just behind the eye to the bend of the hook.
2. Wrap the thread forward to the point where the rear narrow section of the body is when the body is placed on the hook so that the head extends just past the eye.
3. Tie in the body with 4 wraps of flattened thread at that rear narrow section of the foam body. The wraps should be firm, but should **not** totally compress the foam.
4. Wrap the thread forward on the hook to the back of where the front narrow section of the foam body will be when the body is against the hook and let it hang.
5. Gently lift the body in front of the rear wraps to a vertical position, then apply Super Glue to the **top** of the hook. The glue should extend from the previous tie-in point to about two eye widths back from the eye.
6. Gently push the foam against the top of the hook and hold for 15 seconds.
7. Tie-down the front section of foam at this narrow section using enough smooth wraps to create approximately a 1/16" wide section of smooth thread. Flatten the thread as you wrap. This is where the wing and the legs will be tied in.
8. Attach a 3" piece of Antron or Z-lon and 2 pieces of Krystal Flash at this tie-in point with 3 wraps of thread, then fold the Antron and Krystal Flash over on themselves covering the recent thread wraps. Wrap over the materials with more thread wraps to secure the wing. It helps to place the first few wraps toward the back of the thread gap, then work forward creating smooth thread wraps covering the base of the wing. Trim the wing even with the back of the body.
9. Attach the rubber leg material on the side away from you with the leg beginning at the rear end of the body, then create a loop in front of the head and tie-in the leg on the near side of the fly with smooth flat wraps. The loop you created should be large enough to create the two front legs when cut in the middle of the loop after you finish tying-in the legs and whip finishing.
10. Apply head cement and clear the eye with a small piece of hackle if necessary.
11. Cut the center of the loop to create the front legs and trim them so they are shorter than the rear legs. You can gently adjust the legs by pulling so they are on the same plane as the body. The legs should create a shallow V in each direction.