

# Gurgler



## Recipe

Hook:	Mustad 3407, 34007. size 3/0 to 6
Thread:	UTC 210, Flymaster Plus, Uni 3/0 (match body color)
Tail:	Bucktail (match body color)
Hackle/body:	webby saddle hackle, schlappen
Body:	1/8" foam

### Tying Instructions:

Start your thread behind the eye of the hook. Trim the bucktail for the tail to length (2 to 2 ½ times the shank length) and tie in behind the eye. Bind the bucktail down all the way to the bend of the hook. Wrap back to ¼" behind the eye. Cut a strip of foam to match the color of the bucktail. On a size 2 hook the foam should be a little less than 1/2" wide and 3" long. Taper one of the ends to make the tie in easier. Tie it in on top of the hook shank and bind down as you advance the thread to the rear of the hook using an openly spaced traveling wrap. Wrap back and forth from bend to eye binding down the foam tighter and tighter until it is fairly smooth. Coat the lashed down foam with head cement or super glue.

With the thread at the bend, tie in a saddle hackle (match foam color) by the tip. Wrap the saddle in close wraps towards the eye. If you want a red throat on this fly, stop the hackle 3/8" behind the eye and tie it off and trim. Then tie in a red hackle by the tip. Wrap the hackle towards the eye stopping at the original tie in point behind the eye.

Stroke the hackle fibers down on both sides of the hook shank so that most of the fibers are on the sides or below the shank. Pull the foam snugly over the hackle and tie it down with several tight thread wraps. Then lift the foam that is extending over the eye. Wrap 7 or 8 tight wraps of thread under the foam. If you have a problem half hitching or whip finishing under the foam, you can half hitch or whip finish where you secured the foam (on top).

Trim the foam extending over the eye so that it is approximately 3/8" to ½" over the eye. Put some super glue on the "lip" over the eye. This helps form the lip that will make the fly "push" water as it is retrieved. Put some head cement on the thread wraps securing the foam and some on the underside of the foam over the eye.