



“Pyramid Beetle”

May 2010 Fly of the Month

Tied and photographed
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The Beetle is a simple nondescript pattern that is very productive at Pyramid Lake. When dredging the bottom with a shooting head, the foam backed beetle will float off the sand with every retrieve pause, drawing the attention of any Cutthroat in the immediate vicinity. During the last Pyramid Outing, the beetle accounted for more fish than any other fly, so if you are heading for the lake, make sure you have a few in your box. Any color combination can work, but black shellback/chartreuse body and white shellback/chartreuse body are usually the top producers,

Tying Instructions

MATERIALS

HOOK: Tiemco TMC 2457 #8

THREAD: Danville Flymaster+, White

SHELLBACK: 2mm Craft Foam, White

BODY: Estaz, Chartreuse

1. **(Photo 1)** Cut a gape-width strip of craft foam, bind down on the hook at least 2 eye-widths from the eye, and tie down a bit past the bend. Heavy thread is a must



Photo 1

2. **(Photo 2)** Tie in the Estaz at the rear of the hook, advance your thread, and then palmer the chenille forward. Does not have to be too heavily wrapped.



Photo 2

3. **(Photo 3)** Bring the shell back forward over the body, and secure with 3-5 wraps of thread behind the eye of the hook. Whip finish at the tie down point, or the eye.



Photo 3

4. **(Photo 4)** Cut the foam perpendicular to the hook about 2 eye-widths past the tie in point. Trim the corners off the right and left side of the head to create a taper. Some will draw lines and spots on the back, similar to those you would see on a Ladybug, but I never bother.

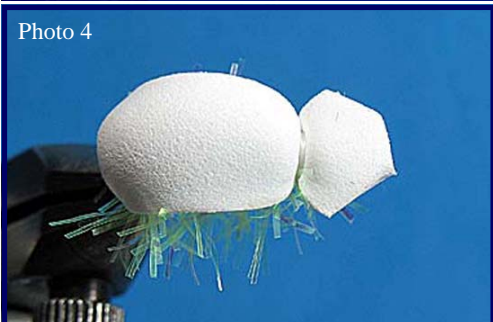


Photo 4



You're done!

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