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The Stealth Bomber

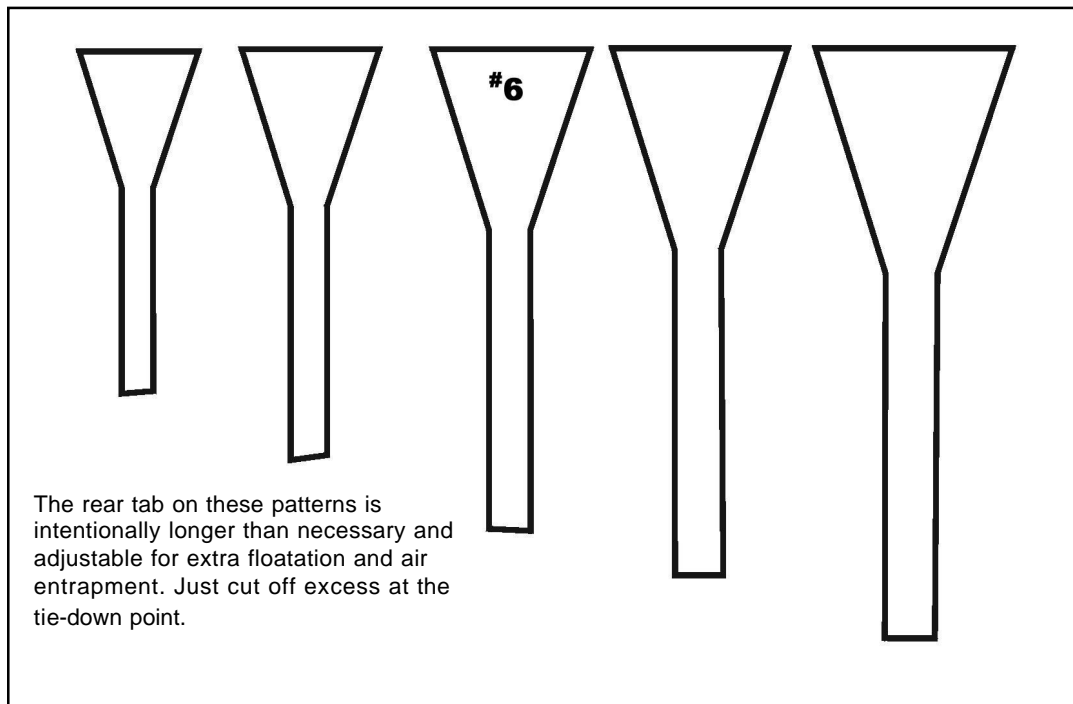
A foam derivative of the Turck's Tarantula, The Stealth Bomber is foam diver/slider designed to duplicate the Tarantula's diving motion and the resulting bubble trail made when the fly is stripped hard.



The rear tab of foam and the air space below it captures air, which bubbles on the dive. The turbulence it creates, along with the dynamics of the wing, cause the fly to wiggle side-to-side. And because it sits a little lower in the water than the traditional bass popper, the hook-up ratio is quite good.

Originally tied with black foam and only a basic tail, the fly resembled the B-2 Stealth bomber and its delta-wing. For black bass and big bream, I often tie some in bright color combinations and add flash wings and rubber legs. The "stealth" name hardly applies to its appearance, but its action can still be quite stealthy. With soft little strips it will wiggle and maybe "bloop" slightly. Strip with a just a little bit more vigor and it will dive and bubble, but still stay in the target zone (the strip here should be very quick, but very short). Give it a longer, harder strip and it will dive hard and create a major commotion.

The template below is for cutting the foam, and is sized to fit a Gamakatsu B-10S stinger hook. The sizing of the foam to the hook, and its placement on the hook, will have considerable effect on the action of the fly. Complete tying instructions are available online at <http://www.flyfishga.com/stealth.htm>



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