

OSPREY FLY BOX

GARTSIDE BASS GURGLER

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This fly, which has been called the "best surface fly for bass--bar none," has a lot of "plop" and "pop," with tantalizing banded Centipede "legs" and a hackle palmering designed to attract even the finickiest largemouth or smallmouth bass.

I have been using this fly on the annual "Pitt Polder Fish Out" with good success. Although the bass tend to snatch the fly off the surface from below, I've also seen a few leap across the water as soon as it hit the water.

This fly can be tied in a variety of colours. Don't be confused about all the different colors offered. Consider only the body, tail and hackle colour as this is what the fish sees. The shell color can be any color you like ... ideally something that can easily be seen on the water.

When two colors are used in the description the first color refers to the color of the foam shell, the second to the color of the marabou tail and body. The color of the legs will vary according to the pattern.

Recommended Colors: black, black/chartreuse, black/white, chartreuse, chartreuse/black, orange/black, purple/black, red/black, red/yellow, tan, tan/black, white, white/black, white/red, yellow, yellow/black, yellow/red,



MATERIALS



- Hook:** Mustad C52SBLN - Bass / Deer Hair Stinger
Size: #1 - #4
- Thread:** Black - 8/0
- Tail:** Black Marabou
- Body:** Krystal Flash Chenille, Black
- Legs:** Barred Round Legs
- Hackle:** Palmered Black Saddle
- Shellback:** Black/Tan Foam
- Tie-Down:** Lagartun Mini Flat-Braid, Gold

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



- Pinch barb of the hook.
- Lay down a thread base.
- Tie in marabou tail.
- Tie in Gold Flat Mini-Braid.



TYING INSTRUCTIONS *(continued)*



- Taper the end of a 1/4 inch strip ... two pieces thick for extra buoyancy.

NOTE: Glue together flat sheets of craft foam using **3M Super 77 Spray Adhesive**. Let glue dry and cut into strips of desired width.

- Tie tapered tip in at bend of hook.



- Tie in black saddle hackle.

- Tie in Peacock Krystal Flash Chenille. (Regular crystal chenille can be substituted.)



- Tie in two sets of sili legs (Banded or solid). Use figure 8's to tie in on top of hook.

- Wrap Chenille forward to eye of hook. Leave enough room to tie in the foam shell.



- Pull foam shell forward and tie foam in behind eye of the hook. As the wraps are tightened, the foam will "stand up".

NOTE: Use heavier thread when tying foam flies to avoid cutting the foam.

- Pull mini braid forward and tie in at the tie in point of the foam.



The Finished Fly



Gartside Bass Gurgler - Lateral View

- Clip the excess mini-braid.
- Clip the foam, leaving about 1/4" lip.
- Whipfinish and add a drop of Zap-a-Gap.

THE BASS LOVE IT
YOU WILL TOO!!!

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Gartside Bass Gurgler - Top View