

# The Fly Tyer's Corner

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### Brushy Creek Spider

This pattern is a variation off of a simple foam spider first popularized by Chris Johnson of Living Waters Fly Fishing in Round Rock, TX. I've tied these for the shop for several years, and added a few changes of my own to make it more durable and fishy. This is a great spring sunfish pattern when the water is still a bit cool and the sunfish aren't aggressive enough for poppers. Throw this guy near trees or twitch it in the current – just about any presentation works well. Olive works well for us on Brushy

Creek, but the colors can be changed to match any local area terrestrials.

#### Materials

**Hook** –Gamakatsu B10S, Size 8-14

**Thread** – Veevus 16/0 or equivalent, Olive

**Body** – Larva Lace Evazote (Open Cell) Foam, Olive

**Wing** –Deer Body Hair, Olive

**Legs** – Fine (Small) Round Rubber Legs, Brown

**Dubbing** – Whitlock SLF, Nearnuff Sculpin Olive

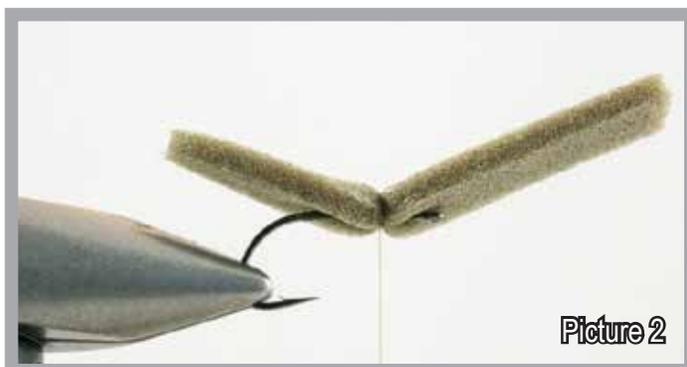
**Step 1:** Lay a solid thread base down on the hook, and return your thread to 2/3 back toward the eye of the hook.



**Step 3:** Clean and stack a small clump of olive deer body hair. The length of the wing is personal preference but I like it to extend just to the edge of the foam body. I like to pre-cut my wing to size before tying it in.



**Step 2:** Cut a foam body – the width of the body should be close to the hook gap. I use River Road Creations Chernobyl Style Tapered End Cutters to make it easy. Tie this in at the 2/3 mark above. Be careful how much pressure you use – the foam can be cut fairly easily.



**Step 4:** Tie in two rubber legs on either side of the wing. I like to keep these towards the top of the body so that they splay out nicely.



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**Steps 5:** Fold the front of the foam body back over the top of the hook, covering the tag ends of the wing and creating a foam bullet head of sorts. Secure this with several wraps, and add a small pinch of dubbing to fill in.



**Steps 6:** Whip finish, and cut the tag end of the foam. Cut the legs to length – I prefer the back legs to be slightly longer than the front. Add a small drop of Zap-a-Gap or similar-viscosity super glue to the bottom of the fly for durability.



**Step 7:** Finished fly.

