

# Detailed Tying Steps - SS Cicada Fly

## Part 1: Prepare the Cicada head and body

We use two Double Barrel foam popper bodies (XS size, Black) to form the “head” and “body” of the Cicada. The two bodies will face each other on the hook shank and be pressed together.



## Step 1: Prepare the Cicada body

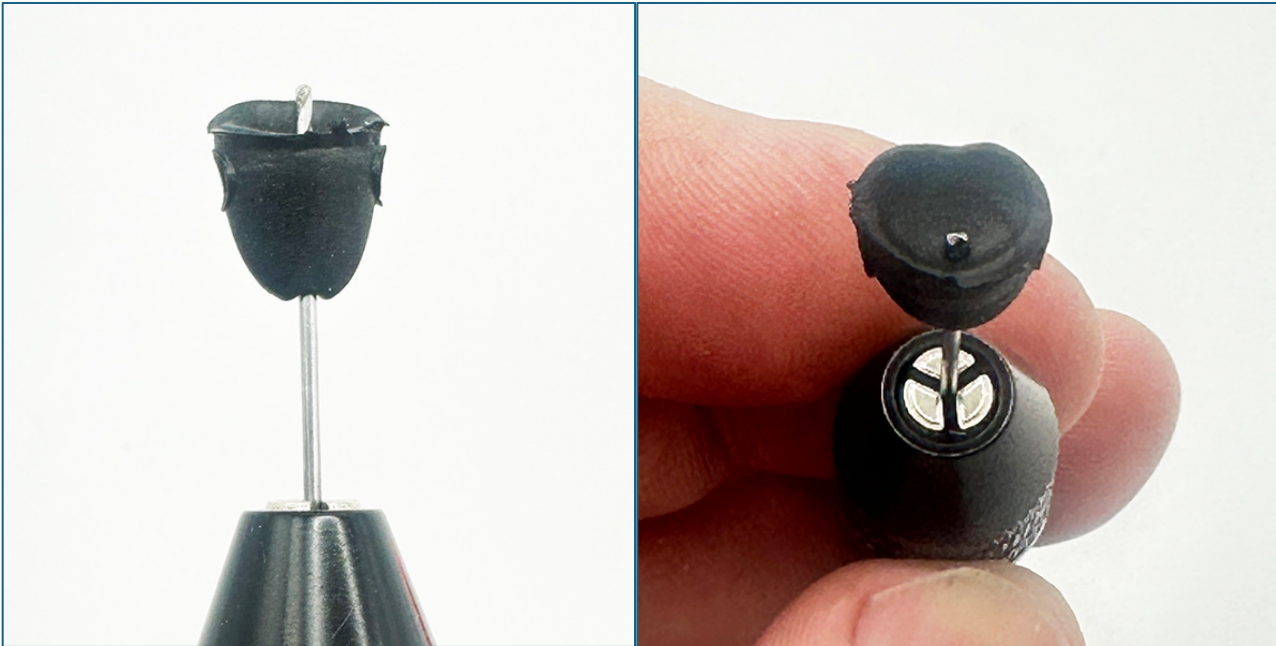
**IMPORTANT:** The position of the hole for the Cicada “body” is slightly different from the front Cicada “head”.

For the body, carefully drill a small hole from the rear pilot hole through to the exact middle of the front cup as illustrated. The Cicada body is now ready to be fitted to the back of the fly.



Step 2: Prepare the Cicada head

Carefully drill a small hole from the rear pilot hole through to 2mm above the lower lip of the front cup, as illustrated.

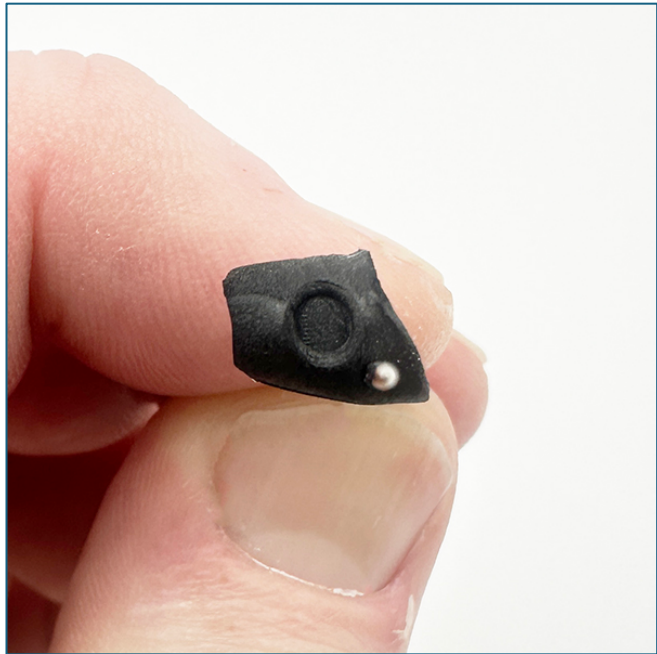
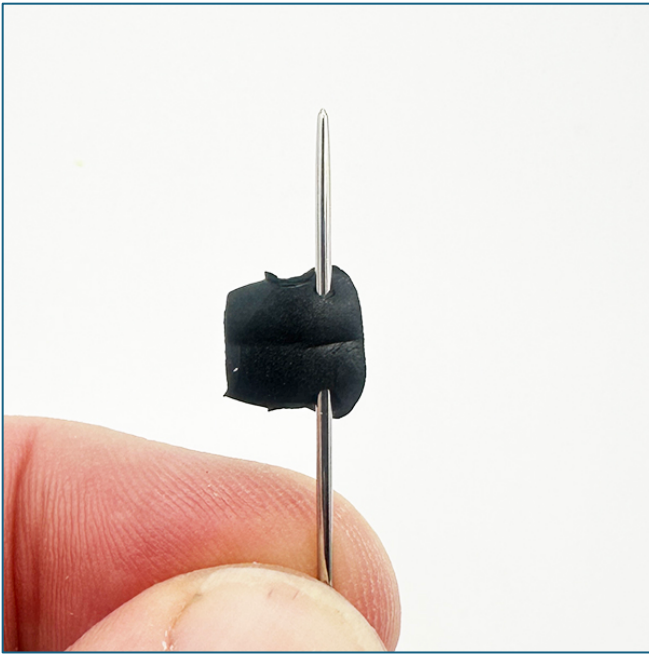


Next: Use a sharp scissors to trim 3mm off the tip of the foam body.

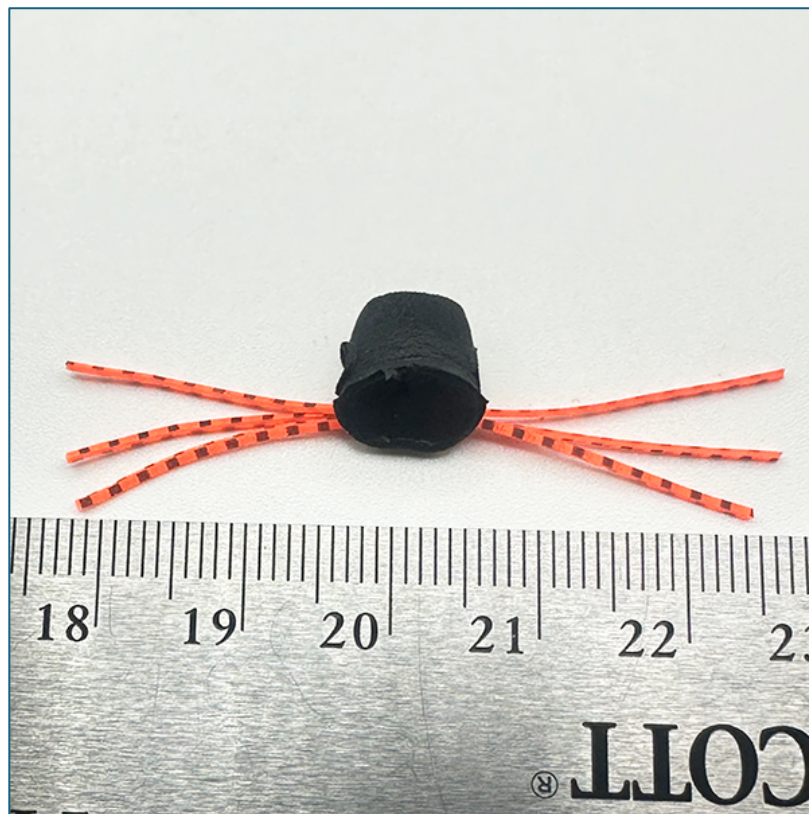


This leaves the length of the foam body 9mm long. This will be the head of the Cicada fly at the front.

Next: Add the Cicada legs to the head section

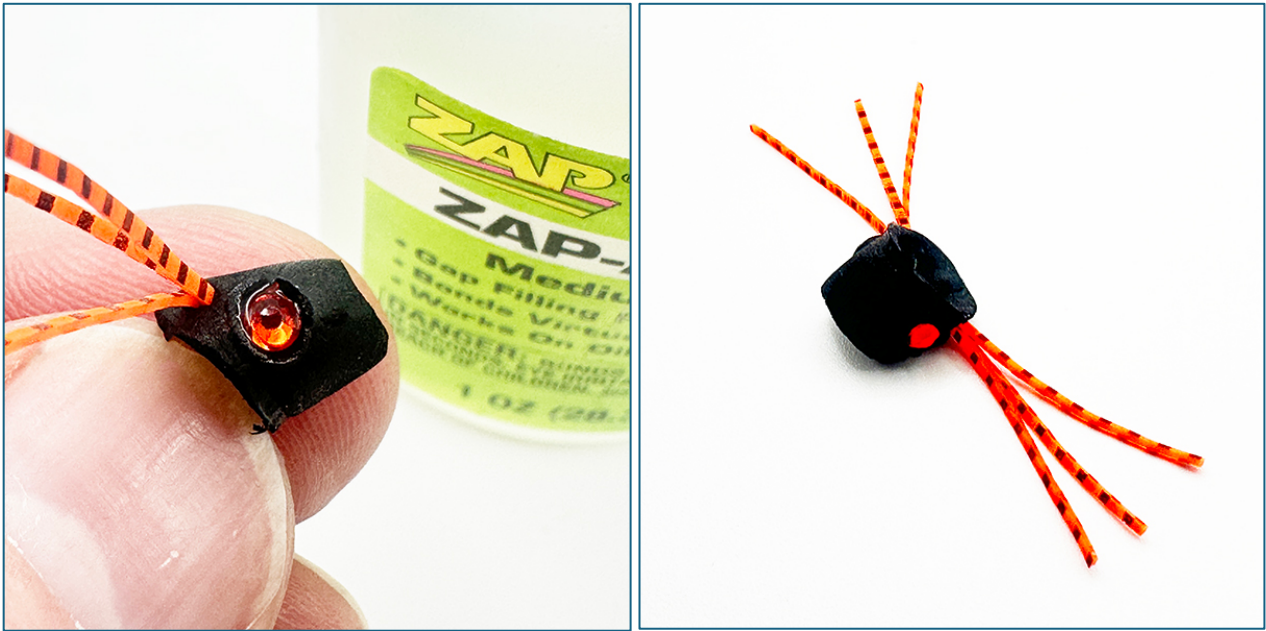


Use a sharp needle with a big eye to pull through 3 strands of orange silicon legs. Trim each leg to 20mm length on both sides.



Next: Add the eyes to the head section

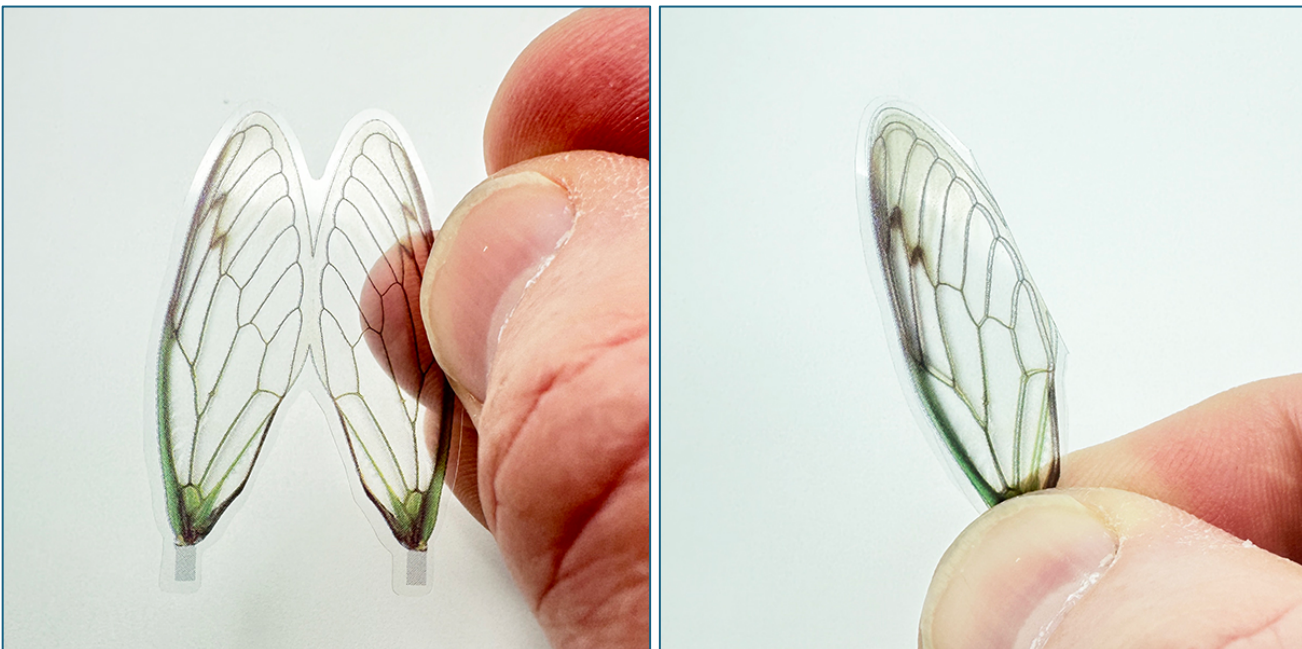
Put a small drop of super glue in each eye socket. Drop in a red crystal eye and position in place to dry.



The Cicada head is now ready to be fitted to the front of the fly.

**Part 2: Prepare the Wings**

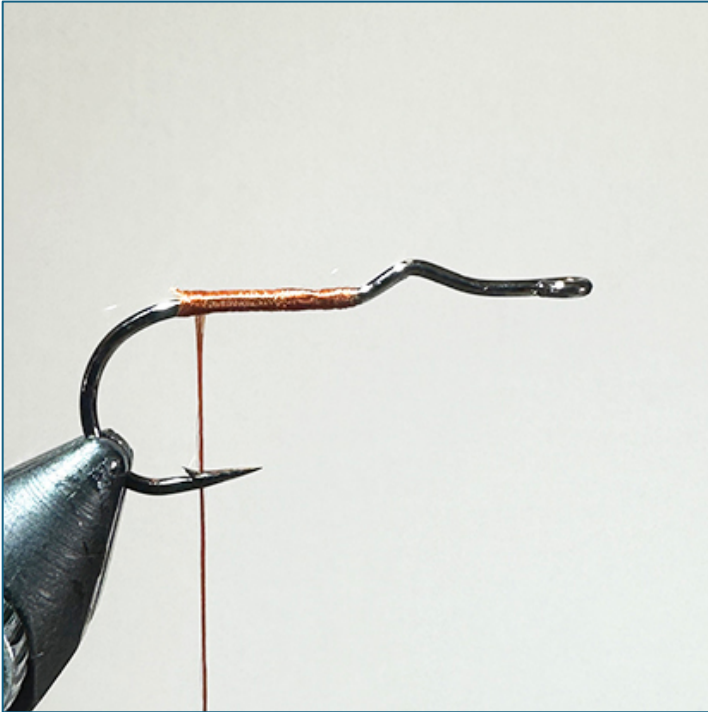
Peel of a set of wings from the sheet. Fold over in half. The wings are now ready to be tied onto the fly.



**Part 3:**

**Tie the fly.**

1. Put your hook in the vise. Lay a thread base from the kink in the hook to opposite the hook barb.



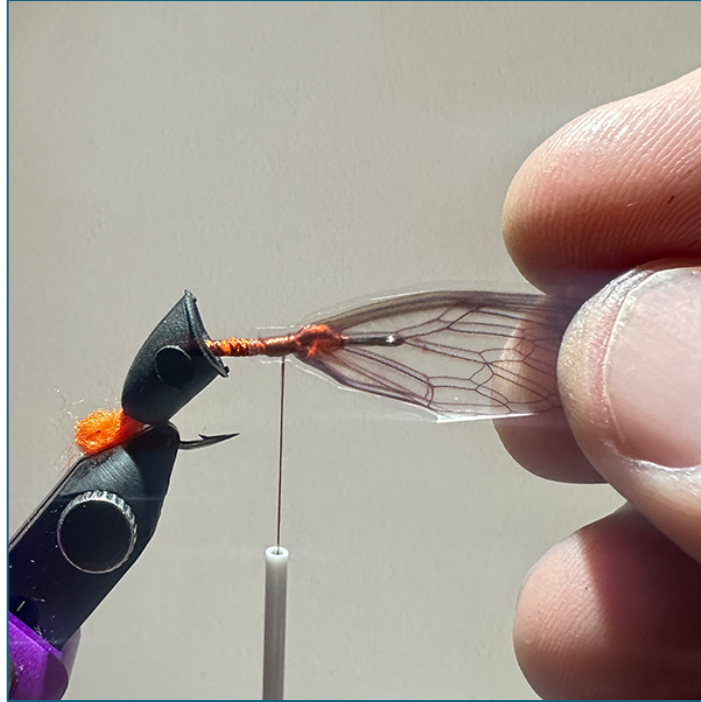
2. Tie in a short piece of orange yarn from the middle of the hook kink to opposite the barb, leaving a tag 15mm long. Tie off and cut off your thread.
3. Fit the Cicada body onto the hook from the front, then slide it all the way to the back until it is well past the hook bend as shown. (note: this creates space for you to tie-in the wings)



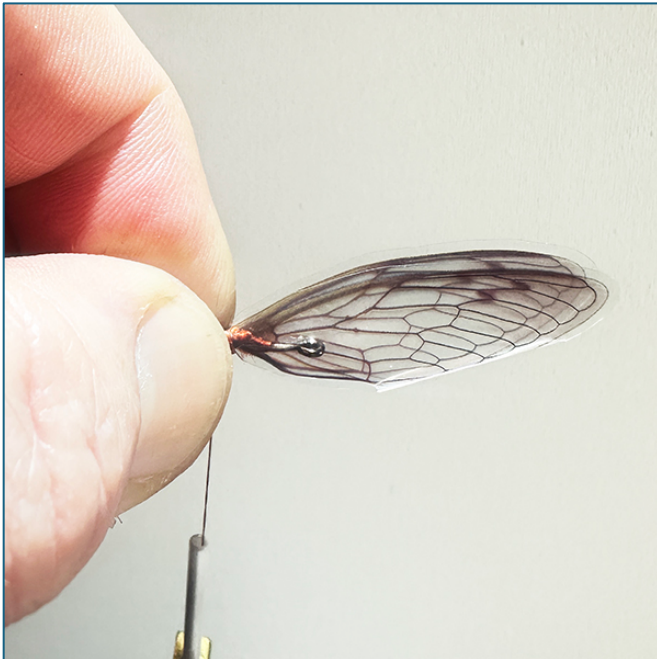
Re-attach your thread at the point where the kink starts.

This is the position where you will tie-in the wings. At the kink point where your thread is tied in.

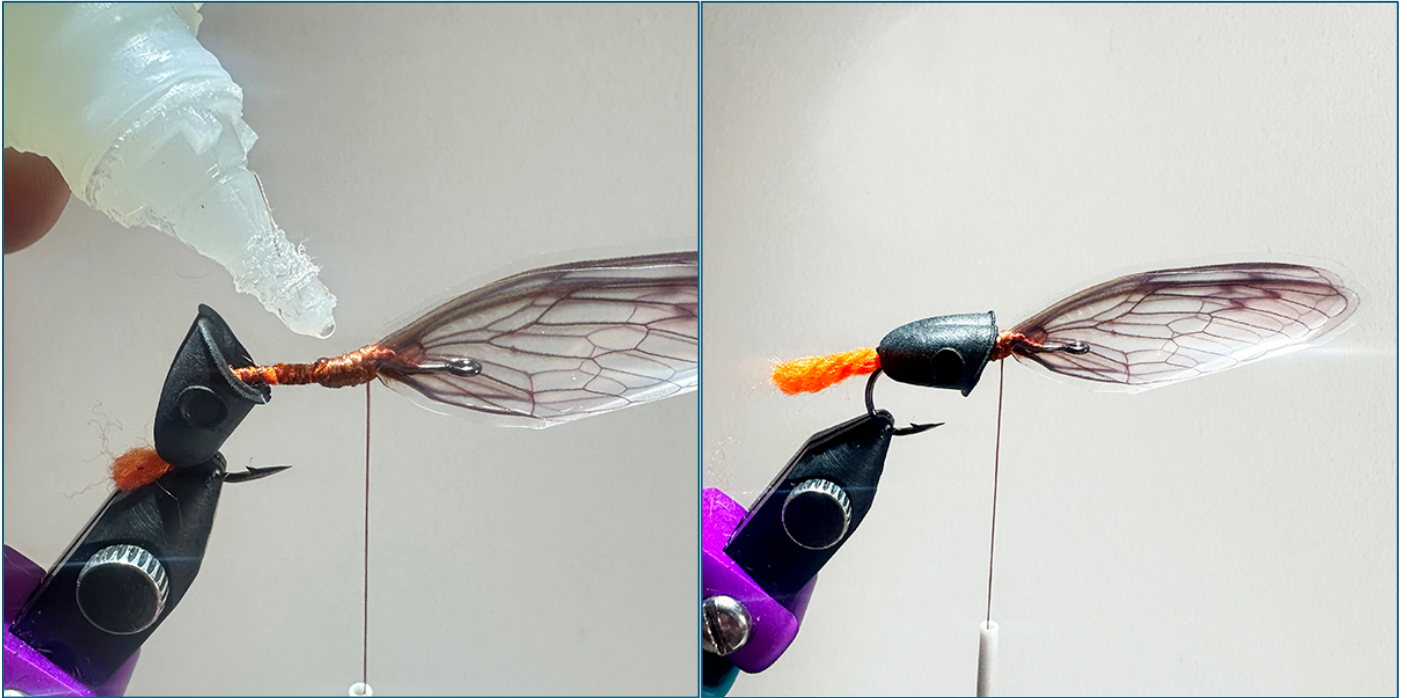
4. Place the wings on the hook with the thick (dark) portion of the wing skeleton facing upwards.



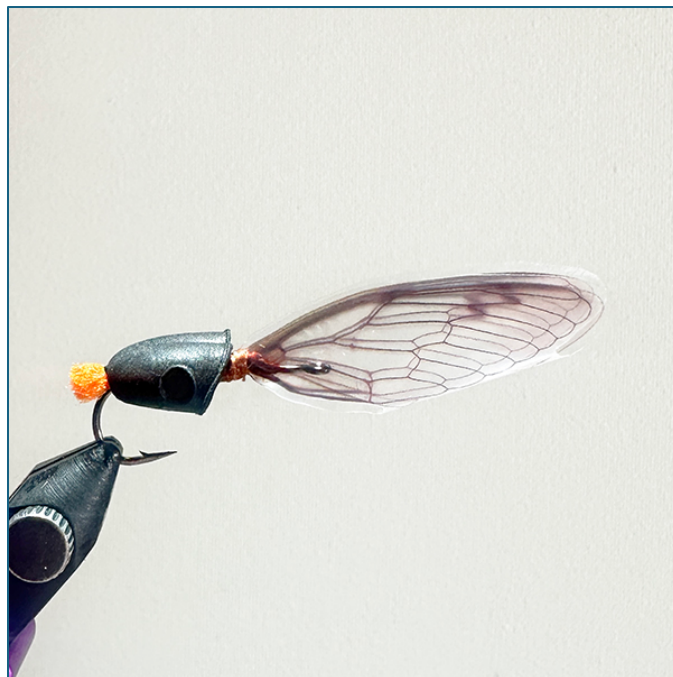
5. Pinch and hold the wings in place with your left thumb and finger, then make tight, strong thread wraps with your right hand. Hold the wings in place until you have made 8-10 tight thread wraps. The wing material is slippery so it needs to be tied very tightly.



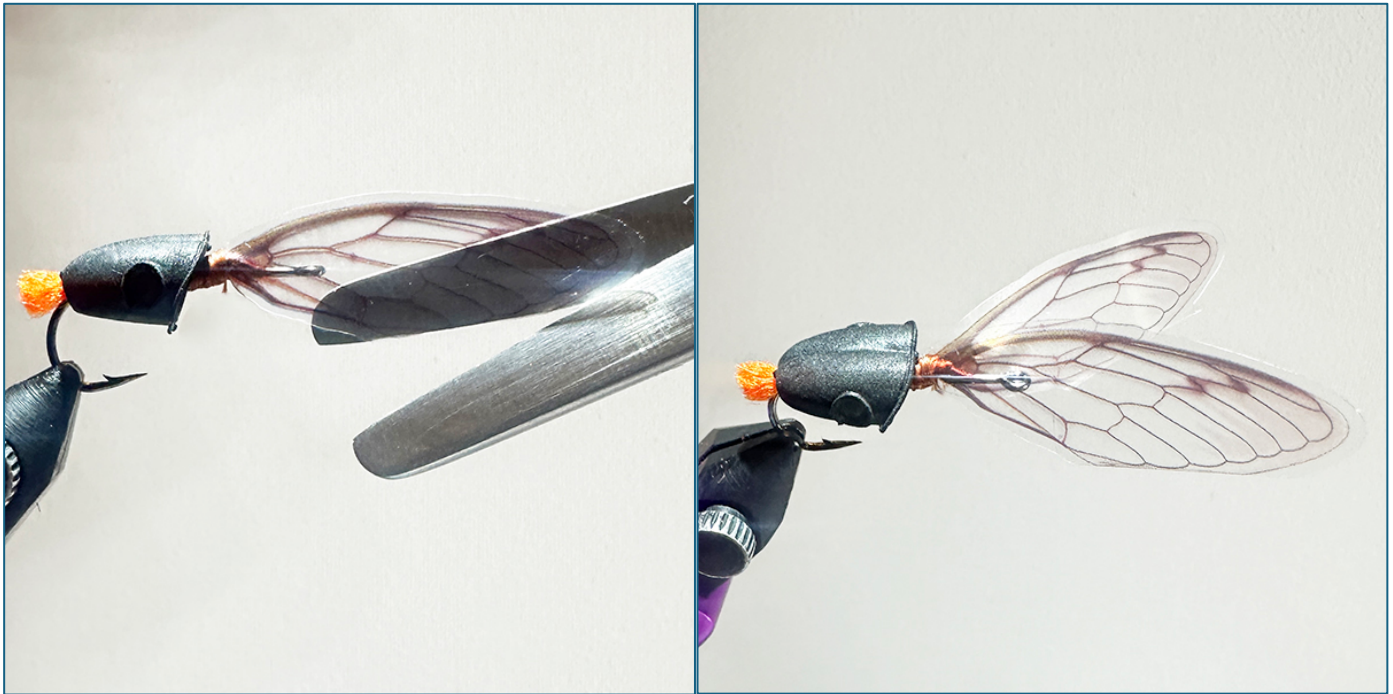
6. Position the rear body. Put super glue on the thread wraps and shank. Slide the foam body forward until the back of it is slightly in front the bend of the hook.



7. Cut the orange yarn tag to create a short tag (butt) 3mm long. Cut your thread.



8. Slide your scissors between the two wings and cut to separate them. They will spring open.



9. Gently push the wings backwards with your fingers and that is the backwards facing position they will end up in.

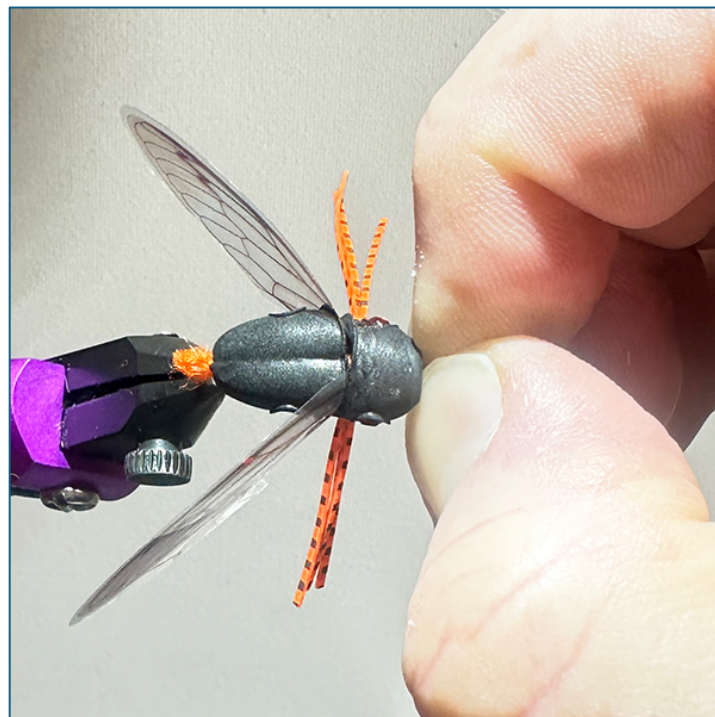




10. Using a fluorescent orange thread, re-attach it to the hook kink and wrap a thread base to the eye of the hook. Tie-off and cut your thread.



11. Apply superglue to the thread wraps. Carefully fit the prepared Cicada head onto the hook and push it until it meets the Cicada body. Position the two foam parts (body and head) together and hold in place with pressure for a minute or two to give the super glue a chance to dry.



12. To finish the fly, re-attach your thread and whip finish a small thread dam between the head and the eye of the hook. It adds a nice orange “hot spot” to your fly.

