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Nate's Frog with variations

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Someone asked me to give detail tying instruction or do a video on tying this frog. I made some changes to Nate's Frog, and this is the finished frog.



Nate used a Kona 2/0, I am using a Partridge Absolute Pike Hook, size 1 on the large frog and size 2 on the small frog. Why, because that is what I had and all you need is a big hook.



I like a 20% bend on the eye of the hook and did that with my pliers.



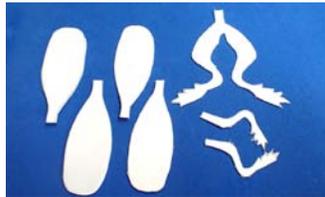
Tie on a large dumbbell above the barb of the hook for the large frog and a medium dumbbell for the smaller frog.



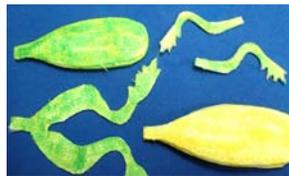
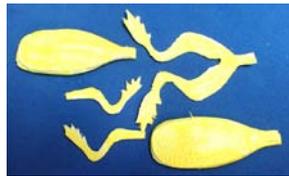
Cohen's frog legs are made out of Ultra Suede which I had, so I made a template and cut out my own. You may have to add backing material with adhesive to your ultra suede. Most of the ultra suede that I purchased was thin. Note, you have to cover the backing with enough adhesive so it doesn't pull apart later in the tying.



Draw and cut out your pattern and cut out your foam for the top and bottom of the frog. I am using 2mm foam for both. I have tied frogs without using the backing on the ultra suede and may go back to doing that again. The legs were more flexible.



Using Shoe Goo, I glue the bodies to the foam. Then color all parts using a Sharpie Neon Yellow. Then color all the parts except the belly with a Sharpie Neon Green



Then with a black Sharpie add the marking on the frog.



I mark the inside of the belly from the tie down neck 3/4" for the large frog and 1/2" for the small frog. To make sure I glue the front legs on correctly, I put a little mark. Then glue on the arms. Notice my backing was coming off, but now it is glued down.



Tie on the leg and use Dave's Flex Cement. Add dubbing and it should not absorb water. I am using some old ice dubbing and do have a little too much on. You just want a filler to give the center of the body shape. Tie on your belly and add glue before turning it over to finish tying. Every step, add a half hitch and Dave's flex cement.



Well it is time to stop because this page is full. Will have to go to page two.



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Turn the hook over and tie in the back.



Before you tie it on, make a slit down the middle for the hook to pass through.



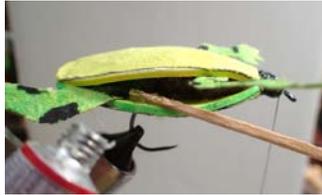
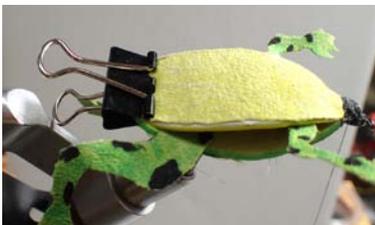
Tie in the back and add Shoe Goo before flipping it over to finish the tying of the back. Then turn the hook over.



We are going to glue the belly to the back. Make sure you separate the legs a little so they are not glued.



Add Shoe Goo to the belly and attach it to the back. Use a clamp to hold it in place, the glue will hold quickly



With the back glued down, we are going to glue down the sides. I found that using a tooth pick worked well in getting the glue in all the tight places.



It's time to do the other side. Now what is missing? Eyes!



I use Green 10mm MFC Frog Eyes on the large frog and 8mm on the small frog.



This frog is built to be tuff but we want to keep the eyes attached. Here I used JB Clear Weld. I use this on a lot of projects and you can find it for less than \$20 at Home Depot. You will need a drying for the epoxy and you might have a small amount until it gets set up. Then you can add more



A lot of steps but I am having fun building the frog and know you will too.

Materials that I used:

- Hook: Just about any large hook 2/0, 1, 2.
 - Brand I used for this report, Partridge, AD Swier, Absolute Pike Hook
 - Thread: Black 8/0
 - Foam: 2mm white for both, back and belly
 - Legs: I made my own but you could use Cohen's Large frog legs, and the medium legs cut for the front arms. Ultra Suede is tuff and attaching it to the belly and the back will protect the foam from being ripped apart.
 - Lead Dumbbell: Large for the large frog and medium for the small frog.
 - Dubbing: use up your old dubbing as long as it will not absorb water.
 - Eyes: 10mm for the large and 8mm for the small.
 - Markers: Sharpie Neon Yellow and Green and Black.
 - Glue: Shoe Goo
 - Epoxy: JB Clear Weld.
- Good luck. I made 6 so far and my next 6 will bring about more adjustments. That is the fun of tying. Now go fishing with your Frogs.