

Tan Goby Pattern:

Materials Needed:

Rear Hook:Size 2-8 Straight eye, heavy wire hook Front Hook: Daiichi Egg Hook, heavy wire, size 2-6. Tail: 1 Curved Duck breast feather or tan/cream colored hen hackle Rear Hook Body: Sparse, tightly dubbed tan ice dub Spot: Tragopan feather, jungle cock, or black sharpie Junction: 20 lb. Maxima, a tuft of Australian Possum Fins (3): One tan hen feather on each side of the hook, and a smaller one underneath. Olive rubber legs can substitute for the bottom fin Head: Tightly dubbed yellow ice dub with a heavy veil of more tan ice dub over it Eyes: Heavy I ballz or lead eyes of appropriate weight

Steps for tying this fly:

- 1. Tie in a solitary tan feather splaying horizontally one way or the other for the tail
- 2. Dub the remainder of the rear hook with tan or gray ice dub.
- 3. Tie in a feather with a black spot on the bottom of the hook (with the weighted eyes, this will actually be the top of the fly). A black sharpie will also work well for this.
- 4. Cut off or crack off the rear hook at the bend. It is best that this fly have only one intact hook.
- 5. Attach the rear hook to the front one with 20lb. Maxima
- 6. Tie in some tan fur to cover the junction between the two hooks.
- 7. Tie in the lead eyes to the hook
- 8. Remember as you tie in the fins that you want one to each side and one of the bottom of the hook. Due to the eyes, this fly will flip over. Tan or smoke rubber legs are a good substitute for the bottom fin.
- 9. Dub in a ball of yellow dubbing behind the eyes, and cover it with a thick veil of tan ice dub. This will make for a great head.
- 10. Finish the fly.

Comments: The black spot on the back of an immature or female goby is extremely prominent and must be part of the fly.