



Patuxent River Flies



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Foam Ant

# Recipe

- Thread - Black 70d
- Body - Foam
- Hook - Dry Fly Size 12 -18
- Legs - black or grizzly hackle

# Prepare Hook



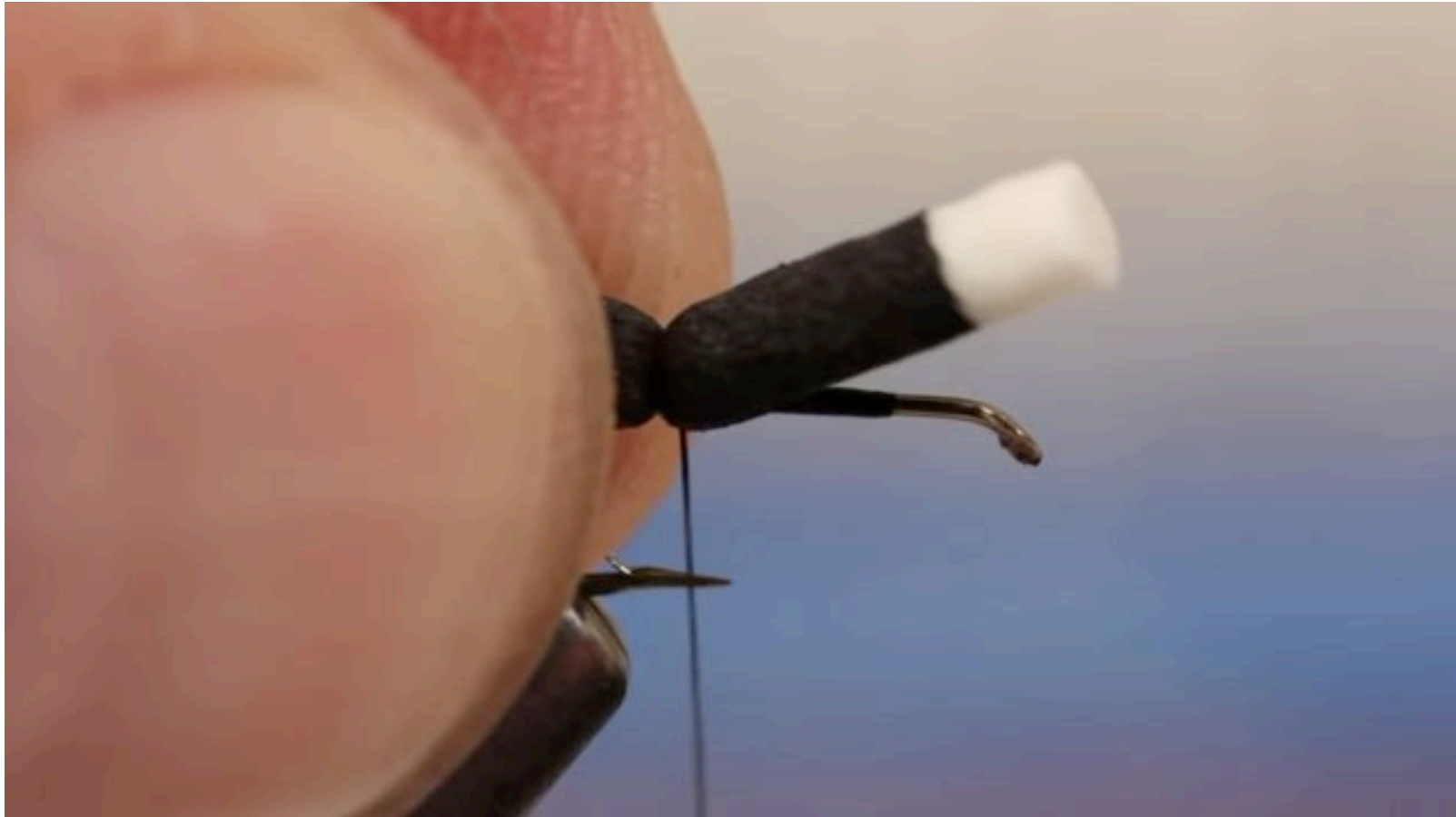
Pinch down barb  
Mount hook in vise

Wrap thread

- Start 2 eye lengths behind eye
- Wrap to above barb

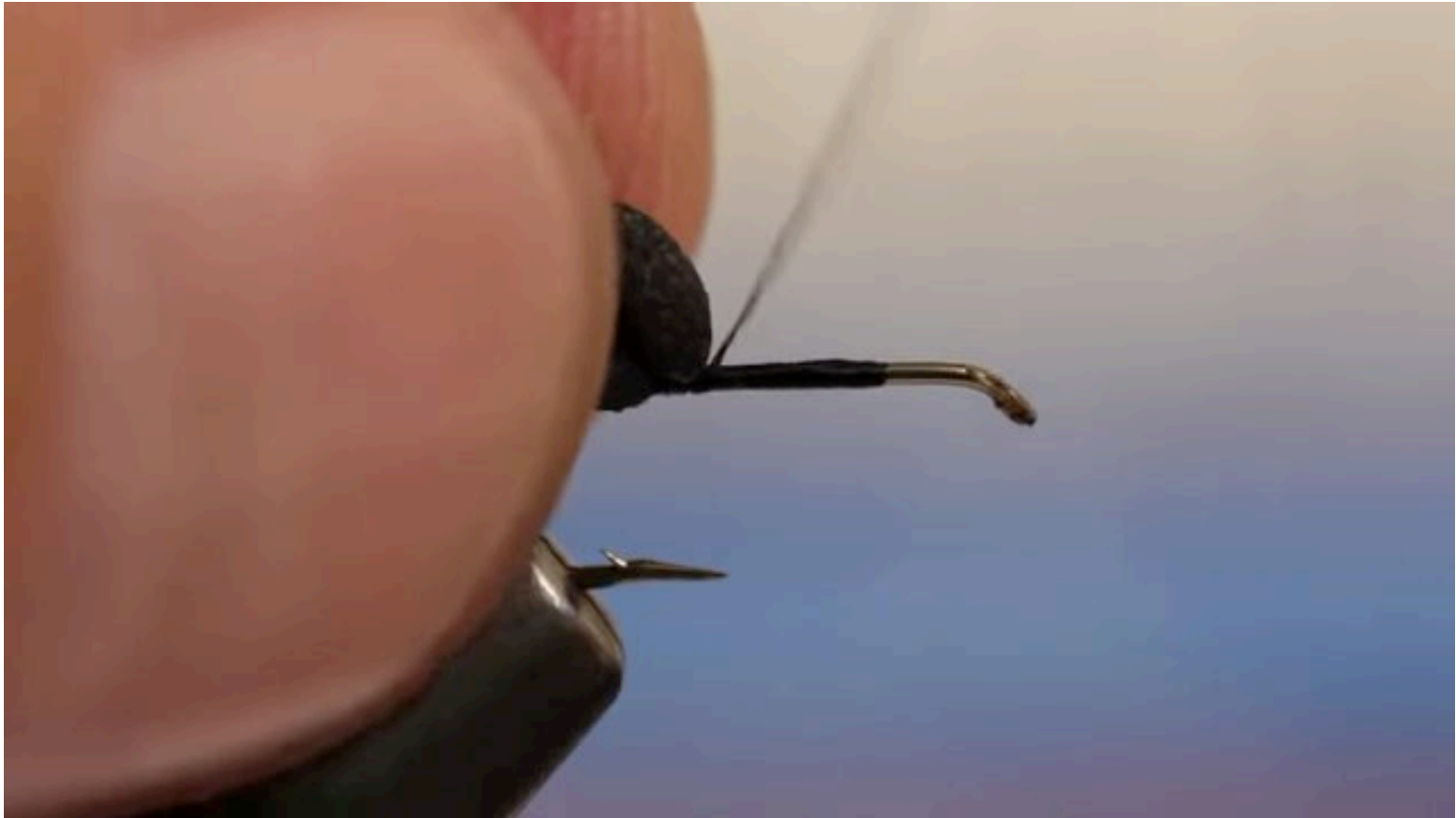


# Mount Foam



Tie foam body with indicator above eye - 4/5 wraps

# Tie-In Foam Body



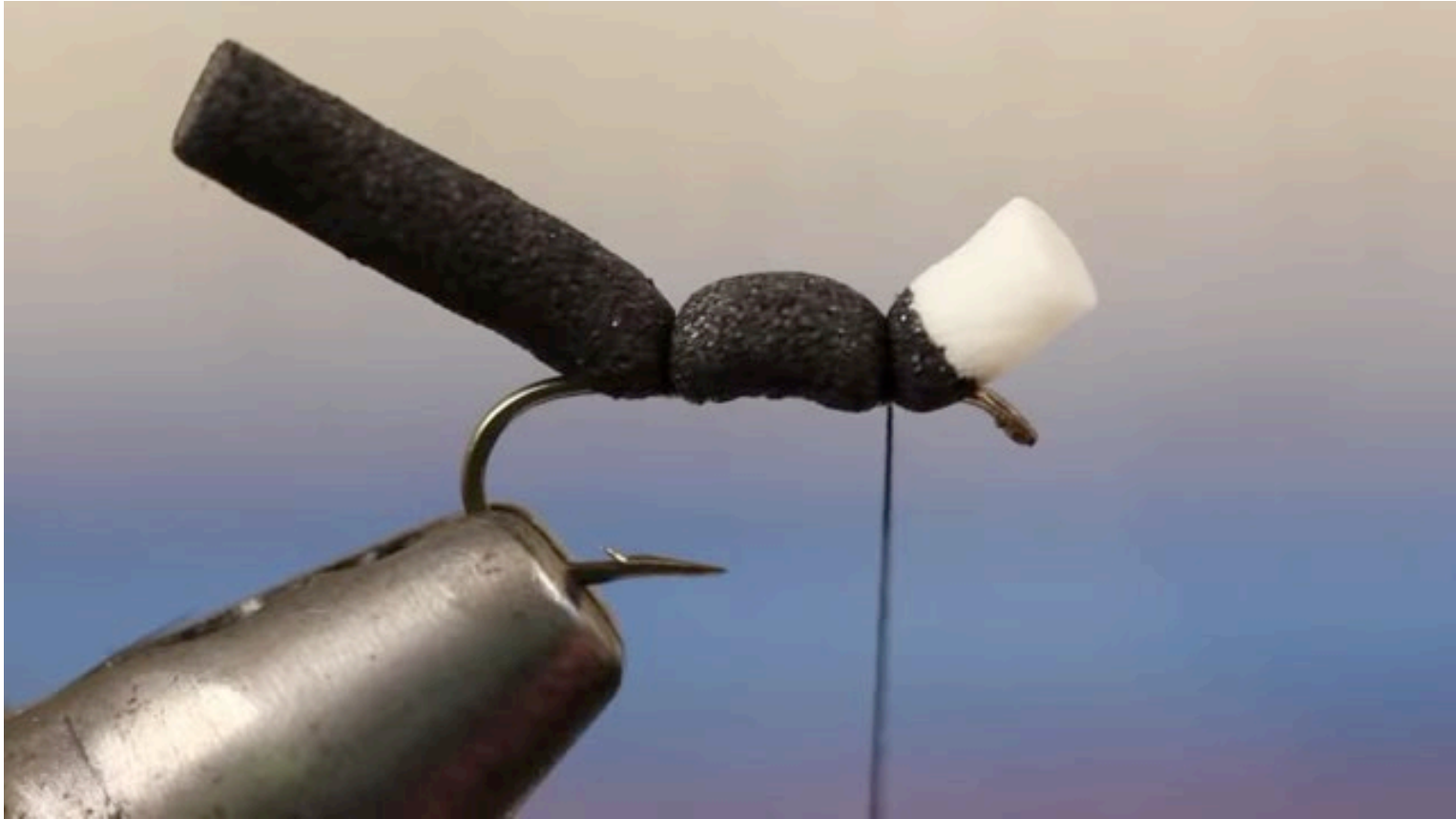
Wind thread in front of foam  
Wind to starting point

# Tie-In Foam Body



Tie in front of body - 4/5 wraps

# Tie-In Foam Body



Assure fly centered on top

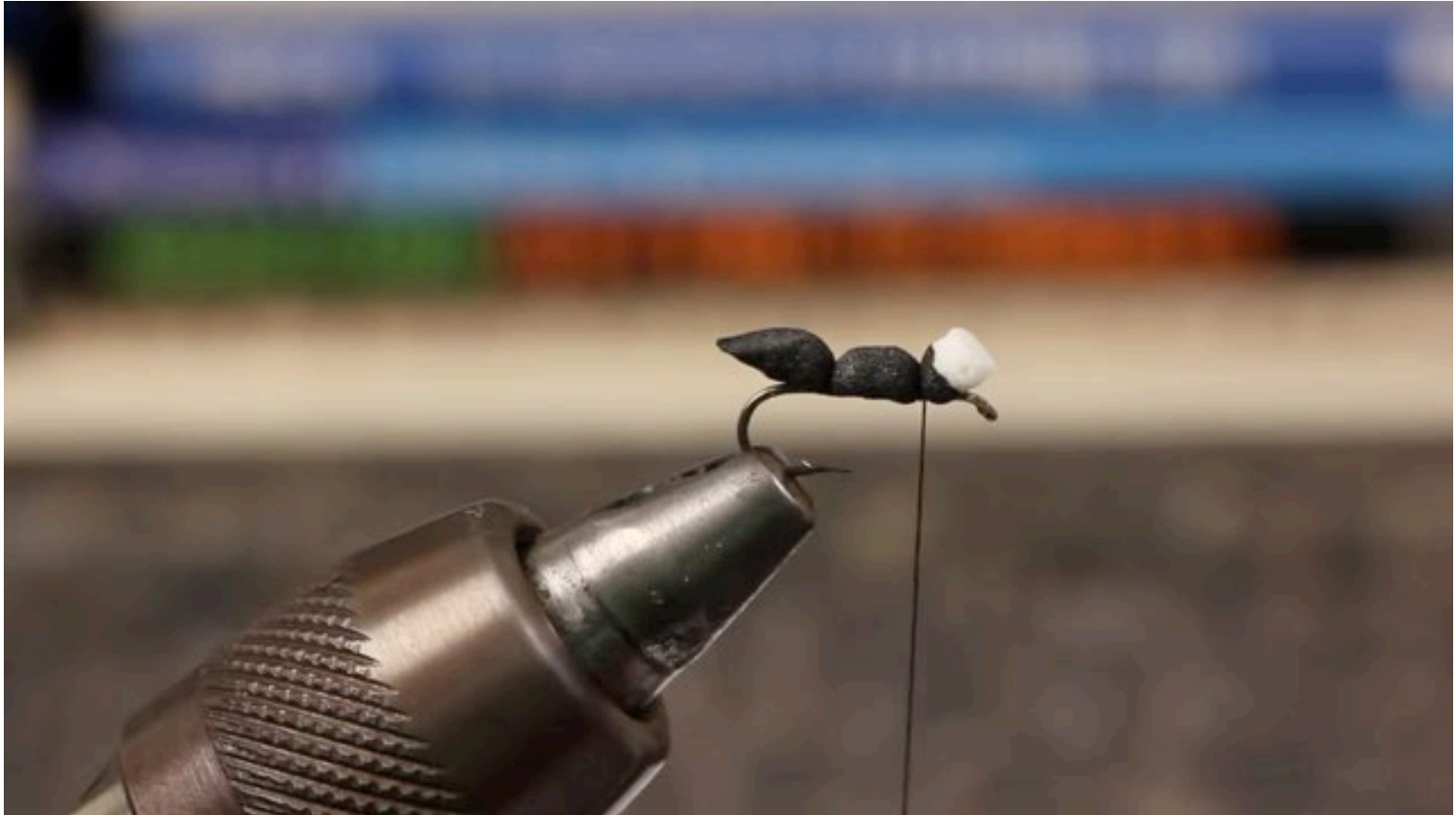
# Finish body



Trim indicator if needed



# Finish body



Trim rear

- Cut at angle
- Cut above rear of hook bend

# Secure Foam Body



Bring thread back under rear segment

# Secure Foam Body



Add 2 wraps over rear segment

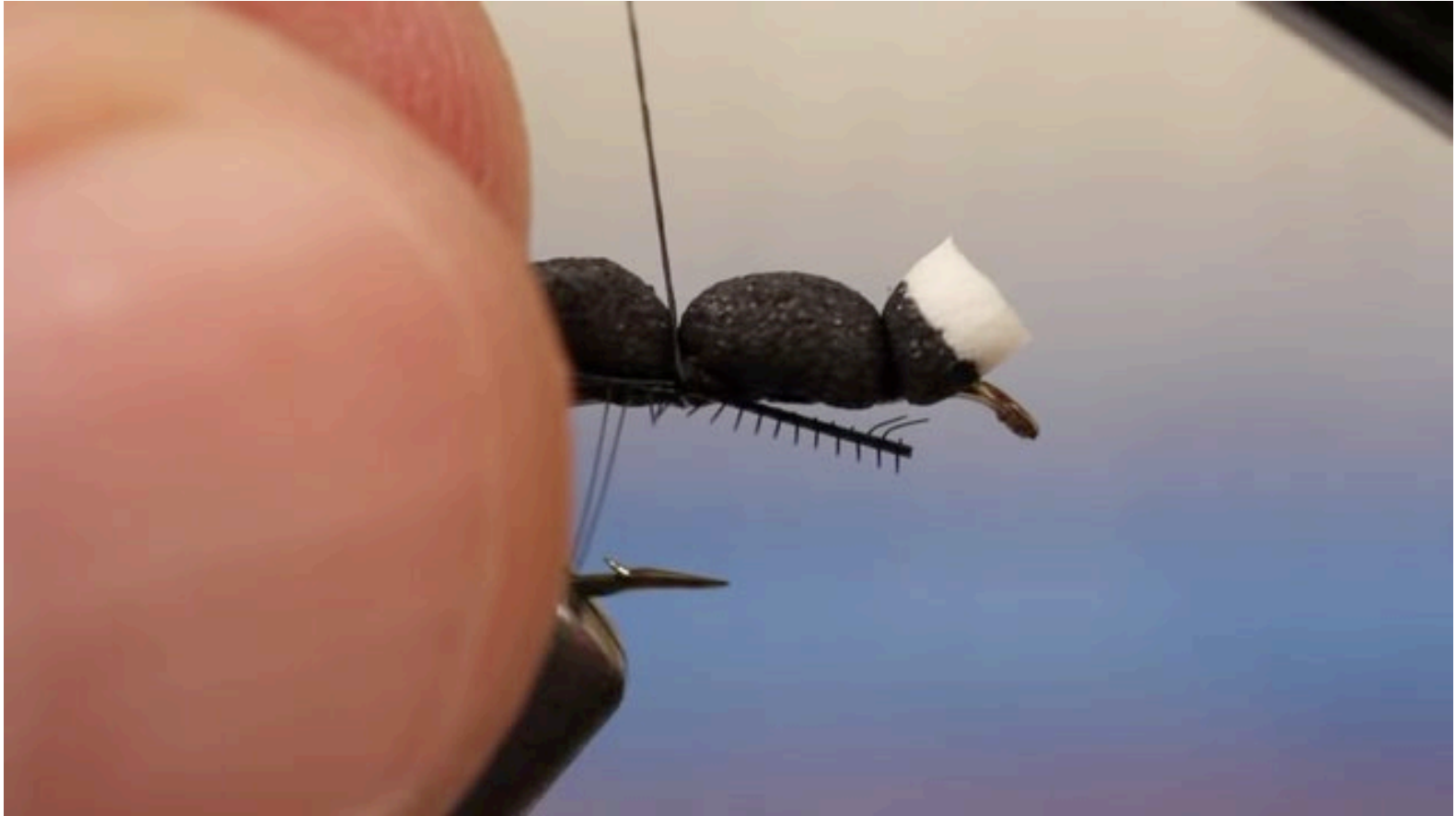
# Tie In Hackle



Black or grizzly hackle

Trim hackle stem - leave some barbs

# Tie In Hackle



Tie in hackle at rear segment - 2-3 wraps

# Move Thread to Front



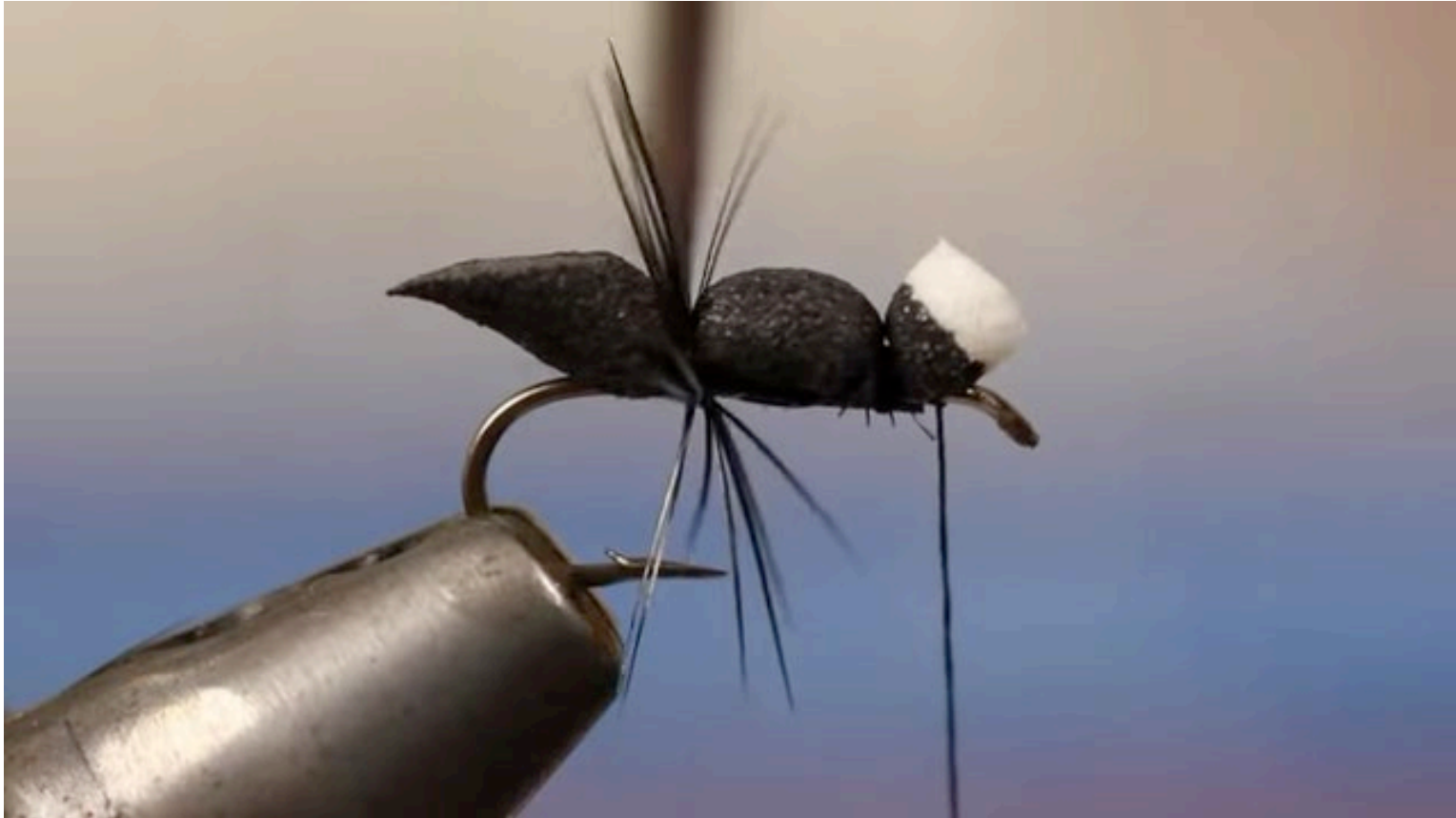
Advance thread to front segment  
Tie in hackle stem

# Move Thread to Front



Wrap thread under foam in front 2-3 wraps

# Wrap Hackle



3 wraps hackle at tie-in point  
Angle hackle forward to front segment



# Wrap Hackle



3 wraps hackle in front segment

# Secure hackle



Secure hackle in front  
Cut hackle

# Secure hackle



Secure thread with whip finish or series of half-hitch knots  
Cut thread

# Trim Hackle Fibers



Trim hackle fibers above  
and below fly

**DO NOT TRIM SIDES**



# Finish Fly



Hackle fiber should  
stick out sides

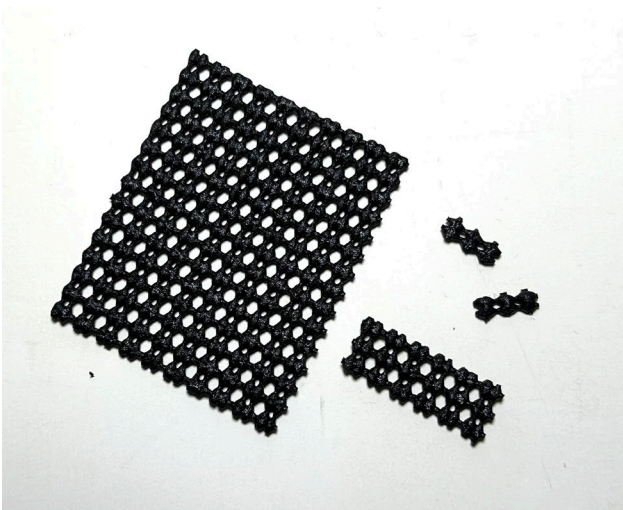
Cement head AND  
bottom for durability



# Material Variations



Foam drawer liner



# Variations

