

## Dubbed Ant

**Hook:** size 12-20 standard dry fly hook

**Thread:** black 8/0 or 6/0 thread

**Abdomen:** black dubbing, natural or synthetic

**Hackle:** black hackle

**Thorax:** black dubbing, natural or synthetic

1. Start thread on hook about 1 eye length back, snip the tag end, and wrap back to the start of the hook bend.
2. Add dubbing to the thread and wrap a ball of dubbing on the back half of the hook.
3. At the center of the hook, tie in hackle and take three or four forward turns of hackle. Secure hackle with several turns of thread and trim the tip of the hackle.
4. Taking care to leave a small gap for the hackle, add dubbing to the thread and wrap a smaller ball of dubbing on the front half of the hook. Begin wrapping at the eye and wrap back towards the dubbing.
5. Whip finish at the back of the front ball of dubbing.
6. Snip the top and bottom of the hackle to form legs on either side of the fly and the fly is complete.

## Chubby Chernobyl

**Hook:** size 6-12 2XL or 3XL 2XH wet fly or streamer hook

**Thread:** 140d thread (or heavier)

**Tail:** Krystal Flash

**Dubbing:** Ice dub or similar

**Body:** 2mm craft foam – cut foam strip the width of the hook gap

**Wings:** Polypropylene yarn

**Legs:** silicone legs, mottled/barred, if possible

1. Start thread on hook 1 hook eye length back and snip the tag end.
2. Snip 6-8 strands of Krystal Flash from the hank, place it on the top of the hook, and secure it by wrapping the thread back to the bend of the hook. Snip off the flash to create a tail about a hook gap in length.
3. Take a small pinch of dubbing and create a small ball of dubbing at the base of the tail and leave bare thread in the middle of the ball of dubbing.
4. Add a drop of superglue to the dubbing and thread. Place the foam on top of the hook, positioning it so the back edge of the foam is in line with the back edge of the flash.
5. Secure the foam to the hook on top of the superglue, spreading the thread over a 1/8" section of the foam.
6. Place the midpoint of a card-width segment of polypropylene yarn on top of the thread wraps and secure it. Fold the yarn back over itself and secure this portion of the yarn with thread.
7. Pull one leg free of the hank and cut it in half. Take one half of the leg, fold it in half, place it on top of the wing at its midpoint, and loosely secure it to the fly with several thread wraps. Work the leg down to the side of the fly along the foam and secure the legs with a couple of tighter wraps.
8. Create a 2" dubbing noodle on your thread and use it to cover the thread wraps.
9. Create a 4" dubbing noodle on your thread, lift the front portion of the fly and create a substantial dubbed body on the fly to just behind the eye. Move your thread back to one hook eye length behind the fly. Add more dubbing as needed to complete this step.
10. Move the thread to one full eye length behind the eye and add a drop of superglue. Gently stretch the foam forward and repeat steps 5 – 7.
11. Pull the foam extending over the hook eye back, add a couple wraps of thread, and the whip finish and cut your thread.
12. Cut off the foam, leaving a short head, and cut off the corners of the head, if desired.
13. Cut the loop on the legs and adjust the position of the legs on the side of the fly.
14. Trim the wings at a downward angle, front to back, with the front wing being longer than the back wing. Brush out the wings so they are nice and full.
15. Double-check the position and length of the legs and adjust as needed.
16. Add head cement to the front and back dubbing holding down the wings and the fly is complete.