

# Gerry's "Grande"

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Gerry's "Grande" is basically an oversized "Fat Albert" tied large to resemble more of a Cicada than a Grasshopper.

Hook: #4 hook, 4 or 5 extra long

Thread: Black 3/0 Uni

Body: Brown Foam and Ice Dub - 3 colors blended - Olive, UV Grey, and Pheasant Tail

Shell Back: Brown and Tan 2 mm Foam, about 3/8" to 1/2" wide

Wing: Grey UV Krystal Flash

Legs: Black and Brown Rubber

Strike Indicator: White 2mm foam, about 3/8" wide

1. Start by poking the brown foam strip with the hook and lashing down the brown to the shank of hook, A tag of brown should extend to the rear of the hook.
2. Mix the three colors of Ice Dubbing and dub the body from the eye of the hook to the rear.
3. Tie in the Tan foam strip and segment the rear 2/3rd to the Thorax, advance the thread to the eye and tie off the Tan at the eye, leaving about 1/4" extending out over the eye.
4. Return the tread to the back of the Thorax and pull the Brown Foam up over the Tan. Advance the tread to the eye of the hood and tie down the Brown over the tan.
5. Tie in legs at the back and front of the thorax. (You should be moving the tread over the back of the foam to sandwich it between the foam layers.)
6. Tie in the Krystal Flash at it's midpoint at the eye, fold it over and tie it down at the back of the Thorax.
7. Tie in the White foam strike indicator at the rear and front of the thorax.
8. Use head cement to coat the exposed tread wraps at the thorax.