Mike's Universal Indicator Fly

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Introduction:

Where it is legal to use more than one fly, this fly used as an indicator will assist you to catch more fish.

How often have you seen a fish try to inhale a strike indicator?
I noticed this when using LOON Yellow "BIOSTRIKE" as an indicator.

This fly is tied using YELLOW foam. The fly can be tied rapidly.
Blue gills, smallmouth, and largemouth bass as well as trout have been caught on this fly.

Materials:

1. HOOK: MUSTAD R50-94846
      Or any fine dry fly hook with a gap of your choice.
      In order to minimize drag, try using smaller sized hooks.
2. THREAD: yellow or chartreuse
3. YELLOW FOAM.
4. PEACOCK HERL.
5. RUBBER LEGGING. Preferably 100% silicone.
Silicone will not degrade like rubber or latex when exposed to heat or UV.

Technique:

1. Debarb hook.
2. Wrap a thread base from one eye space behind the eye to the beginning of the hook bend.
3. Wrap two lengths of peacock herl along over the hook shank.
4. Cut the foam to the length of the hook shank and width of the hook gap.
5. Tie the foam behind the eye with over wraps.
6. Bring the thread under the foam, then over wrap the foam to the hook.

7. Do a horizontal thread wrap between the foam and the shank.This will prevent the foam from rotating on the hook.
8. Cut two lengths of the silicone legging material 2 1/2 X the length of the hook shank.
9. Place legging material along the side of the foam body. Secure with wraps at the front 1/4 and last 1/4 of the fly.
10. Whip finish to secure the thread. (head cement is optional.)
11. Trim foam at front and rear. Trim rear from above bend to prevent short strikes.
12. Secure your primary or tiny midge with tippet secured at the bend of the hook.

Variations:

GARTSIDE GURGLER: modification: Keeping a piece of foam in front of the fly above the eye and forming a base, Fly will act as a popper with short rapid stripping.

HOPPER: Add deer hair above the foam behind the eye.

Foam Color: Try Black, brown or green foam.