



*River Road Creations, Inc.*  
Wing and Foam Body Cutters  
*For the Art of Fly Tying*

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How do I tie in universal bug bodies?

There are two ways to attack this. If you want to avoid any cross wraps showing, start at the back and make several thread wraps at a point just past the end of the body. After a thin segment of thread goes down, make a whip finish and cut the thread off. Move a little bit up the body and start a new segment, whip finish when done. Continue all the way up the body until all the desired segments are created. Coat the thread wraps with a little head cement to secure them. Reattach the thread behind the head where you want to tie in the wings and tie them in. To match the picture, put a little dubbing on the thread and cover the tie-in point, reinforcing around the wings.

The other method is to start the thread behind the head. Turn the fly upside down in the vise (so the cross-wraps will be on the underside). Move the thread about 1/8 inch back on the diagonal and then take two or three turns around the body. Again, move the thread back about 1/8 inch and take three turns around the body. Continue until you have reached the back of the body. Now move the thread forward on the opposite diagonal to form a cross-wrap going back forward. Take a couple of turns in the same place you tied going toward the back of the body. Proceed forward in the same way, matching the cross-wraps as neatly as possible. When you get to the head last wrap behind the head take a couple of turns and whip finish. You can then tie in the wings as desired and finish with the dubbing as described above.

Tight Lines,  
*Tony*

