

The Perfect Yellow Fly Trap

Materials:	Estimated Price
Inflated ball	\$1-2
Black spray paint (flat or shiny)	\$1-3
Light-weight fishing line	\$1
Epoxy glue	\$3-4
Tanglefoot™ gel 8 oz. or Tanglefoot™ spray	\$7-12 \$20
Disposable gloves	\$.50



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Cut a length of fishing line long enough to reach from a tree branch or roof overhang that will reach to about 5 feet from ground. Tie a knot in one end. Attach the knotted end of fishing line to the air hole on ball using a "puddle" of epoxy glue. Allow to thoroughly dry. Hang from tree or roof overhang where trap will stay. Spray paint completely with black paint. When paint is dry, apply the Tanglefoot™ liberally all over ball making sure to use the gloves, or spray if using the aerosol. This stuff is really sticky so don't touch after applying.

Caution: Don't hang the trap anywhere you might bump into it as the Tanglefoot™ is really difficult to remove from hair!

Note: Trap works when the flies land on the ball, they cannot get loose from the Tanglefoot™. Trap will not completely eliminate the yellow flies, but will reduce their population in your area without the use of expensive and toxic insecticides (that don't really work for yellow flies anyway). For best results, hang near the edge of woody areas where the flies reside when not biting! A gentle swaying from wind and the black color are what attract the flies. If using the inflated balls similar to a soccer ball that are commonly found in a wire cage in the toy department, you can leave traps up all year and just re-apply Tanglefoot™ each spring when flies emerge. They can last two to three years or more.

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