

“ WHAT I WOULD BUY ON A BUDGET TO GET STARTED “

I Fish for Panfish (Bluegill, Bass, Crappie, Catfish). I live in southern Tennessee, my favorite fishing is For Bluegill's. I really enjoy Tying my own Flies, I Do not Tie commercially, I only tie for myself and I do This for relaxation and piece of mind. I like to tie mainly Foam rubber spiders, Beetles, hoppers, and Poppers. I don't tie many Feathered Flies, I am new to tying for the second time as It had been about eight Years since I last did any tying up until a few months ago. I have been reading a lot on this Forum, watching a lot of videos on You tube, and reading as many articles that I could find on the subject. I purchased a tying kit from Bass Pro back in 2002 and I still use all the tools that came in the kit, except For the vice (original vise still good). I up graded to a “EZ Rotary” vise back in November. I am retired from (Elec., Mech. Design), on a budget and have a lot of time on my hands. I Realized that When you are a beginner and new to tying it is hard to decide what materials you need to purchase. I have not been able to find any article written like this so I decided to try and write one myself.

Remember: “We are on a Budget” And we are trying to stretch our resources and still buy quality.

This is what I would buy for the basics for “Panfish” for “Myself” if I was starting out from scratch.

A Good article to read : [www.Fly Fish ohio.com](http://www.FlyFishohio.com) “ Fly tying Vise Round-Up” if you have not already.

Here is my list (Vise, Tools, Materials, Comments and approx. prices)

(This Is Only My Opinion For Myself And Just A Guide) and you will have to decide for yourself.

Note: our prices on vises is going to be limited to \$50.00

(Select One Vise Of Your Choice)

(All Prices Are Approximate At Time Of Writing)

1., Vise: “EZ Rotary” (True Rotary) (C-Clamp) (Hook & Hackle- 9402001) (approx.) \$45.00

Comment: I purchased this vise last November after reading the “Fly Fish Ohio” Fly Tying Vise

Round-Up and I am completely happy with this vise. I just needed a vise that would

Allow me to see all sides of my fly easily without having to remove it from the vise.

I could not put a lot of money in a vise and for the money this one really surprised me.

Eric at “Hook & Hackle” said he had tyied on this vise for 18 mo.'s And he really liked it.

2., vise: “Rotating Spring Action Vise” (360 Rotation) (JStockard- OF-900690-0000) (approx.) \$30.00

Comment: This vise looks like the construction is well worth the price. Most all of the reviews

Recommend this vise pretty highly and it meets our criteria really well.

3., Vise: "Crown Vise" (Rotary but not True Rotary) (See Fly fish Ohio vise Round Up) (approx.) \$40.00

Comment: I am not familiar with this vise but after reading the "Fly Fish Ohio" review and other Reviews it seems to be high quality enough to meet our criteria. The evaluation in the Write up was good. I do not think it comes in a wooden case now.

4., Tool Kit: "Economy Tool Kit" (good price on kit) (JStockard- OF-900935-0000) (1)ea. (approx) \$18.50

Comment: This kit comes with essentially everything that a entry level tyer would need to start out Tying With. I have been using a similar type kit of tools that is of the same quality as this Kit seems to be for 10 years (off and on) and plenty good enough quality for me not to Have a reason to up grade. I would have liked to have seen them put a Matarelli-style Rotating type Whip Finisher in the kit rather than a Thompson spring type.

Materials:

Note: All of These materials are good quality general purpose (but not high dollar select). they can be Used for tying "Panfish, and Trout Flies" and can be used on many different patterns.

Most items are listed as quantity of (1) in order to keep our first order reasonably inexpensive.

"Color's and Quantities is only my suggestion for first order and they are not set in (STONE)"

1., Saddle Hackle: (Strung) Black (JStockard- NM-790085-0000) (approx.) (1) \$5.50

Comment: I use saddle hackle on my Popping Bugs and even on some Spiders and Hoppers. This is a Basic fly tying material and it is used on a wide range of other fly tying applications.

2., Marabou: (Strung) Black, Yel, Char. (JStockard- NM-790120-0000) (approx.) (1) \$2.50

Comment: Marabou is another popular basic material and it can be used on Spiders, Hoppers, Buggers, and can be used on many other Patterns. It is very versatile and widely used.

3., Dubbing: (Polar Dub) Black, Yel, Char. (JStockard- SM-012110-0000) (approx.) (1) \$2.50

Comment: Dubbing is also another popular basic material and can be used on Spiders, Hoppers, Poppers And many other Patterns. Use for under bodies, makes a bug look more buggy.

4., Chenille: (Medium) Black, Yel, Char. (JStockard- SM-700130-0000) (approx.) (1) \$1.60

Comment: Chenille is widely used for bodies on many patterns. use it on the under bodies of Beetles And Hoppers. Bluegills really like the bright colors and will eat them readily.

5., Buck Tail: (Assorted pack 6 Colors)= (1-PKG.) (JStockard- NM-775015-ASMT) (approx.) (1) \$5.50

Comment: Buck Tail is used on many different patterns. I use it on spiders, Hoppers, and Poppers

6., Rnd. Rubber Legs: (1) Black & (1) White (JStockard-SM-720020-0000) (\$1.50 ea.) (approx.) (2) \$3.00

Comment: These rubber strips are 1" wide and 18" long with approximately 51 individual strands.

I usually put 4- 5/8" long legs on each bug. I can get "357" sets of legs out of 1 – 18" strip.

On the white strip you can use a colored sharpie to change the color of the legs.

7., Flashabou: Pearl (JStockard- SM-760100-PERL) (approx.) (1) \$4.00

Comment: Flashabou is a popular basic material, it is used for wings, tails, and extra flash

8., Float Foam: (Rainy's): 1/4" dia., White (JStockard- SM-750070-LGWH) (approx.) (1) \$5.50

Comment: This is what I use to make my Popping bugs out of for Bluegills, and some small Bass bugs.

It comes in 24" long cylinder's, I cut my bluegill bug's 3/8" lg., one 24" piece = 64 bug's.

IF you buy "White" you can use colored sharpies to color each bug different colors.

9., Thread: (1) Black & (1) White (JStockard- TW-006050-0000) (\$1.75ea.) (approx.) (2) \$3.50

Comment: This thread is equal to about a 6/0 thread it is heavy enough to not break very readily.

Which is the size that a new tyer should start out tying with. And is flat waxed nylon. I use

This size on my Bugs and it is a good size for tying Bluegill Bugs & larger Bass Bugs.

10., Foam: (13 color's, 50 sht's,) = (1 pkg.) (Wal-Mart Crafts section) (approx.) (1) \$5.00

Comment: These foam sheets are (5,5" x 8.5" and they are 2mm thk.) and the package is marked as

"Foam-Rainbow". My Spiders are mostly .5" long and I get 136 Spider bodies per sheet.

My hopper strips are from (5/32" or 3/16") wide ea. and I can get 200 hoppers per sheet.

Foam Flies are very easy for the beginner to learn to tie and in many different patterns.

11., Hooks: (1) size #8 & (1)size #6 (Wal-Mart Fishing section) (1.00ea.) (approx.) (2) \$2.00

Comment: These hooks are inexpensive, they are labeled as "Panfish" "Bronze Aberdeen" and are

"light wire" hooks for Bluegill and come in 20 hooks per package. They are good for

First Learning how to tie with, instead of buying expensive hooks. And this is all I use.

12., Head Cement: "Super Glue" liquid (not Gel) (Dollar Store) (approx.) (1) \$1.00

Comment: Super Glue and also Clear Finger Nail Polish works really good. I would suggest buy both.

"Other Recommended Item's"

13., Dubbing Wax: Optional: Good to help with applying dubbing on thread.

14., X-acto Knife: Really makes it easy for cutting out bug bodies. (Best thing I have found)

15., 12" Stainless steel ruler: Good for cutting narrow straight foam strips with X-acto knife.

16., Colored Sharpies: Good for coloring, white thread, rubber legs, Foam bugs, Poppers.

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