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I like to use indicators that will float or sink depending on the hydrodynamics of the water I'm fishing. I use those yarn tuft indicators, you can get them in large packs at almost any store. They come in many sizes, but I often use the smaller ones, because it produces the desired visual effect I want.

Basically, they sink or float depending on the varying currents you throw them into. A indicator that floats all the time can give you unwanted drag in a section of water with lots of current changes under the surface.

When it sinks, I look for an abnormal change in direction while its under the surface. At first you can usually only spot the big takes, but once you know what these direction changes look like, you can start picking up all those subtle strikes you were missing before.

If the indicator is in calmer water and is floating, like wulff-man said, you can use them to guage your drift, and mend to get it to where you want it. In this case, if the indicator goes under, you set the hook, not too hard.

I will use bigger indicators for bigger water. If the indicator is sinking too fast, or too deep, I will move it further up my leader, and put a larger one on so I can see it better in the rough water.

If I am nymphing in a completely calm pool, I will put a line of indicator puddyabout the same place I would put a yarn indicator. In this case, im not looking for a abnormal change in direction, but rather a small twitch in the puddy line.

I think the biggest thing to keep in mind is that an indicator shouldn't be acting like a bobber, but more like a visualization tool for what your leader/flies are doing under the surface.

.....Or you can take Festus' advise and soak your flies in salmon egg juice.....