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Topic: : Nymphing weight ?

Re: Nymphing weight ?

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All good advice. I would keep it simple. A single fly rig with an indicator and split shot 6-8" above you fly will catch a ton of fish (see illustration). Although, unlike the illustration, I would recommend the distance from the indicator to the fly be 1 1/2 – 2x the water depth.

Here are a few tips and some variations on your rig that you can try:

In fast and deep water instead of pinching all your shot together, spread out a few small split shot between the fly and the indy. This sinks the tippet and leader at a more uniform rate since the current is nearly always faster on the surface. The rig will end up being more vertical and run deeper. Also spreading out the shot is easier to cast and aids in strike detection. It ends up being similar to a Centerpin rig.

Instead of using micro (very small) split shot, which is hard to put on your line and sometimes impossible to get off, try rolling a pinch of tungsten putty on your line for a little added weight. It works especially well for weighting small flies. It is easy to apply and take off and allow a limitless amount of weight adjustment. Here is a link to show you one of the brands available: [http://www.orvis.com/store/product.aspx?pf\\_id=83GGs](http://www.orvis.com/store/product.aspx?pf_id=83GGs)

Consider fishing some weighted flies, both with and without beadheads. Weighted flies help you get down to the strike zone faster without using split shot, and usually makes casting easier. As well, it allows a more direct connection with the fly without and added weight in between you and the fish which aids in strike detection. You can also add split shot for more weight if needed.

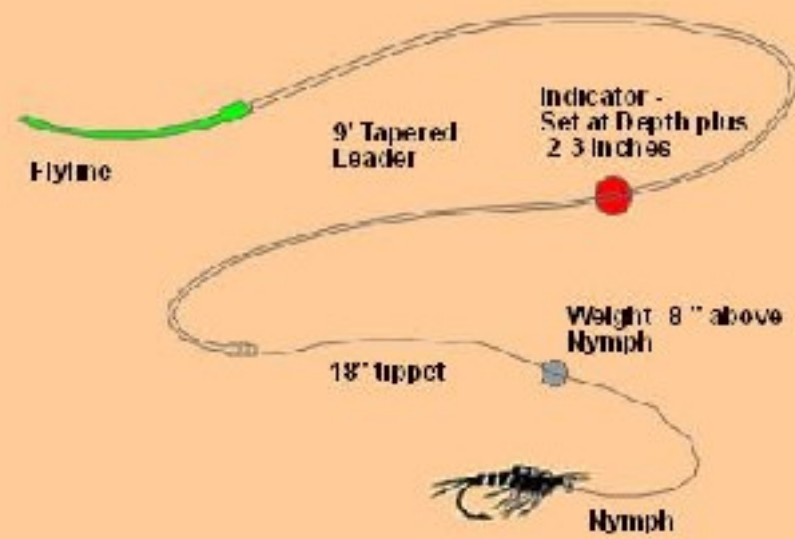
Good luck.

Link to source for illustration: <http://stevenojai.tripod.com/nymph.htm>

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 **Basic nymphing Rig.JPG** (12.93 KB)



Flyline

9' Tapered Leader

Indicator -  
Set at Depth plus  
2-3 inches

Weight 8'' above  
Nymph

18' tippet

Nymph