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Re: Patterns that are a Must Have

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some great advice already.

I'm going to answer this as if i were starting out all over again... knowing what I know now. and I will limit it to trout fishing because that is usually the target species on this forum. I'll keep the list very short.

when i started out, I started with just dry flies. Must have dry fly I would say is an adams or something similar. Like the books say, they look a little like everything and a lot like nothing. I believe it is the most popular trout dry fly in the US if not the planet.

Then I would go with an attractor pattern like a royal trude/wulff/coachman. they sell them everywhere. I also like the chartreuse trude. same as the royal cept the red part is now chartreuse. Get these in sizes 14 and 16 for starters.

Nymphs: I have to mention the two classics. Pheasant tail and hares ear. Both easy to tie and effective.

Also consider prince nymphs, beaded and/or not beaded. To me they are the adams of the nymph fishing world. They look a little like everything and a lot like nothing in the underwater diet of trout.

Might want to keep a few wooly buggers in the fly box. I didn't use them early on, but they are very effective and can be fished so many different ways.

Opinions may vary depending on what part of the state you live in. Most of my fishing was MWPA, and the advice is for there.

One final piece of advice. If you are thinking about buying one of those fairly cheap fly tying kits... don't do it until you seek advice here. If I had it to do all over again, i wouldn't buy the kit that i bought. The vice wore out in no time, and I still have some of the materials that came with it because they were not very good quality.

Further ahead to buy a vice and a few tools (or a kit of just decent tools) and then purchase only the hooks and materials you need for a few select patterns. When you want to try a couple more paterns, buy the hooks and materials as you go.