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Re: Patterns that are a Must Have
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Agreed with ryguy. Pad's list is a good one for a fairly experienced fisherman. Somone just starting is gonna want 20-30 flies, period. Thats not 20-30 different flies, as you'll want the multiples of the most popular. A much better question would be

"maximum of 50 flies total, what would you get?"

So, for instance, in Pads list, if you had triples of a size 14, 16, and 18 Adams, thats already 9 flies. I'll give it a shot, statewide.

Dries:

3 Size 16 Sulfur (yellow) dry flies.
3 Size 16 sulfur spinners
3 Size 18 BWO cut-wing style dries
3 Size 24 trico spinners, cut the tails off an its a midge!
6 3 each size 16 and size 18 CDC tan caddis.
3 Size 12 Parachute Adams
1 Size 10 Green Drake spinner (coffin fly)
2 Size 16 or 18 black ant.
1 Size 14 Hopper

= 25 flies

Nymphs or wets:

9 3 each size 12, 14, and 16 PT or Hare's Ear nymphs.
1 Size 8 or 10 golden stonefly.
2 Size 16 scuds or cressbugs
4 Size 24 midge larva (I lose a lot of these when I fish em).
4 Egg patterns of your choosing (1 each colors orange, cream, pink, and peach).

= 20 flies (I'm up to 45 total)

Streamers (not into the multiples here as with heavier tippet, I lose less).

3 Wooly Buggers (Olive, brown, and white)
2 Sculpins (black and brown)

= 5 flies.