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I started tying with a cheap Thomson stationary vise a long time ago, and graduated to a Regal. That worked well for a few years, until I stopped into my local fly shop and watched someone tie on a Renzetti rotary vise. I tried it in the store and bought a Renzetti Traveler that day. I've tied thousands of flies on the Renzetti and have never looked back.

The rotary vise works well for an advanced or professional tyer, but they could probably tie well using vise grips. A rotary vise. IMO, really makes a journeymen or beginning tyer improve immediately. It will improve the appearance and ease of dubbing, ribbing, palmering, hackling, and makes it easy to work on flies that need to be rotated in the tying process. For example, the common problem of the hackle twisting when you try to hackle a traditional Catskill fly or palmer hackle a wooly bugger is eliminated, since you can hold the hackle feather perpendicular and rotate the fly in the vise. Another advantage to a rotary vise is that using the bobbin cradle keeps the thread and bobbin out of the way during certain tying steps.

I like my Renzetti, but there are other quality rotary vises out there.