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(part 1)Between this post and the one tomgamber suggested there's a lot of experience and wisdom behind their suggestions. I picked up a few pointers myself from the ole sages. I never tried an unweighted bugger like Jay suggested. The Woolly Bugger was actually one of the first flies I caught big trout on consistently when I was just beginning. I got my feet wet on the Colorado where buggers and stimmys are the main course during the summer and I hooked 3 of the biggest trout I'd ever seen in my life. Unfortunately they were in the fastest water I ever fished and I didn't know you were supposed to use an improved cinch knot instead of just a cinch knot... lost all of 'em. Out there my cousin's are big on fishing with 2 buggers under a strike indicator. We space them about 18" apart. I learned to dead drift them, casting them as far upstream as possible and mending the line just right so you won't get any resistance that would cause the buggers to rise on you. I had a lot of success on some Wyoming rivers that way too. Because those rivers are so deep they use tungsten beads and when I tie them up, I use a tungsten bead and wrap a layer of lead under my body. I use a thin layer of dubbing or peacock hurl to try to keep the body slender to help it sink faster. I have a lot of success with black, silver, gold and copper beads. Seems like olive has been the best producer with black right behind it. When the water is a little off color I like to add some Ice Dub to the body and sometimes I'll make a crazy/flashy bugger and use it as my point fly with an olive dropper.