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I just started a few months ago. I believe my method for buying gear was pretty sufficient.

First, buy your own stuff. If you borrow someone's two bad things could happen.

1. You could damage their equipment
2. You will get frustrated, because chances are, you won't be catching many fish at first. If you are using someone else's stuff, you won't feel obligated to keep trying.

Go to a fly shop or cabelas or dicks and find a combo that has everything you need to start (at least 8' rod #5/#6 line weight, reel, backing, maybe some flies)

I got mine for \$40. To be honest, I'm glad I didn't spend more for 2 reasons.

1. You are either going to love fly fishing or hate it. You will want an upgrade rod soon enough (even if you aren't catching fish), or be sorry that you spent the money. If you're probably going to upgrade soon anyway, why spend \$100 on a cheapo rod.
2. If you ever want to let someone borrow your spare, you don't have to worry about it getting wrecked.

Make sure you have a level or Weight Forward line. Doesn't really matter at first which one. If you get a level line casting will be harder at first but you will be better at casting when you buy a Weight Forward (WF) line later.

Knowledge is more important than equipment. Buy a beginning fly fishing book. I would recommend Lefty Kreh's Ultimate Guide to Fly Fishing. Buy a fly tying book that has lots of pictures so you can start learning flies. I would recommend The Fly-Tying Bible by Peter Gathercole. These two have helped me a lot.

You will need to build an arsenal of flies. No way around spending \$ there. Go to a fly shop though. Start out with popular flies.

Read a lot. Fish a lot. Keep trying. You will love it.

Any questions send me a message

JB