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A lot of questions. First of all, tandem / multiple flies work well throughout the year. I would recommend that a beginning fly fisherman use a single fly to stay away from tangles.

I would recommend using a knotless tapered leader the length of your rod tapered down to 4X. Tie on a tippet of 4X. 5X is called for with smaller nymphs size 16 and smaller and/or clear water. The tippet you tie on should be 1.5 to 2 times the depth of the water. Put on strike indicator near the junction of the tippet and the leader. Try the twist on strike indicators, they work okay and can be moved up and down the line. Use a weighted nymph if you can find them and/or use a small split shot 8+/- inches above the fly. Cast upstream, or up and across stream. Make short casts, don't worry about distance, concentrate on getting a good drift. Hold as much line off the water as you can with your rod held high, and follow the indicator downstream. Strip in line to eliminate slack as your indicator floats towards you. Your indicator should drift the same speed or a little slower than the current. Watch the bubbles or floating debris to judge the correct speed. When your indicator begins dragging, try to flip your fly line and leader upstream of the indicator (mending). Watch the indicator for any movement or change of direction and tighten your line to set the hook. If you are fishing properly you should touch the bottom on your drift once in a while. If you don't touch bottom add another small shot. Once you begin touching the bottom on your drift, you can make fine adjustments by moving you indicator up or down.

Learning to get a good drift is the key to catching trout on nymphs.

There are no magic flies. Stick with the standards: hares ear, pheasant tail, maybe a green weenie, and a copper john in size 12 - 18. Have some wooly buggers on hand too.

I see you're from Delaware County. I live in neighboring Chester County. PM me and maybe we can "hook up" to fish together sometime. Good luck.