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Another place to find small plastic storage boxes for cheap is the drug store, like a CVS. The pill section always has various snap-top boxes, typically divided into individual snap compartments so that people on pill regimens can divide and time their dosages (like 7 compartments for 7-day supply, 4 for breakfast/lunch/supper/bedtime). Sometimes they're marked on top, but big deal. They're dirt cheap, like \$1 to \$4. Great pocket storage boxes, deep enough for dry flies, and they float. You can glue foam or poly yarn in the bottom for hook keeping ability.

I've had expensive fly boxes before, like spring compartment boxes and those foam divider types. I'm over it. The only exception is those C&R midge boxes with the threaders, for small flies.

Speaking of threaders, it's a good idea to pick up a couple at a sewing supply store, or a craft store like Michael's. It's also good to carry a bodkin in order to clear hook eyes, although a good-size streamer hook basically works just as well.

I'm a fan of carrying multiple backup tools on the stream, like tweezers/ scissors. I don't have to guess which pocket I left my scissors in when I have a pair in every pocket. And I carry two hook sharpeners, and two pairs of needle nose pliers.