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I had a book that had to be written in the '50s about how to fish. It had a chapter about fly fishing, including tying flies. It suggested using some found objects.

I remember I made a vice from a pliers and rubber band. I can't remember how the "bobbin" was made, but it definitely involved a rubber band, too. I would steal tinsel and clip hair of my mother's ugly pink winter coat. Nail polish and a pair of regular paper scissors completed the scene. I'd use whatever hook I had that looked right enough.

My first flies were, technically, a sort of hair wing streamer. I wish I knew where one was, but I'm sure they've all been thrown out.