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Re: wooly buggers...am I doin' it right?

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As James said, sometimes the situation will dictate how you can fish a bugger with eddies and seams. And as Afish said quartering upstream with a swing is effective.

If you want some practice and have your choice of water, here's what I'd suggest:

1. Find a nice pool with a riffle at the head
2. Cast 45 degrees upstream into the riffle allowing you bugger some time to sink
3. Dead drift the bugger through the riffle and into the head of the pool while keeping your line as tight as possible
4. Continue to mend your line and follow the bugger with the tip of your rod until you're pointed 45 degrees downstream
5. Stop following with your rod tip and allow the bugger to swing in an arc to a stop below you
6. Wait 2-3 seconds then twitch your rod tip
7. Twitch/Strip your bugger toward you in whatever erratic motion you choose

You'll catch some fish on the dead drift, you'll catch a lot of fish on the swing, you'll catch a lot of fish on your first twitches after the swing, and you'll catch some on the strip back in.