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Tom,

let him haggle over the legs, it's part of the natural fly tyer's progression:

1. learn to tie
2. tie simple patterns that you know work
3. get better from tying them
4. try to make the simple ones overly complex
5. try to tie real complex patterns, fail
6. try to tie real complex patterns, succeed
7. realize complex patterns don't work much better, and you need flies fast.
8. tie simple patterns that catch fish.

25,000 flies later, you reach step 9.

9. you are really good at tying, and tie super complex patterns because it is really fun, but keep your boxes stocked with the simple ones... because they still work.

Mute just started, and I think he's at step 4. Hell, after like 5 years, I'm just now at step 8. I think he's progressed pretty fast, but you can't fight the nature of the beast.