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As a fairly new flyfisherman I know where you're coming from. I started back in May when I got some gift certificates for Dick's Sporting Goods. They have a limited fly fishing selection but I got what I needed. A Scientific Angler 456 reel (around \$30-40) and a 8'6" rod (around \$50). Now I had no clue what I was doing so they salesman there showed me what else I needed. Fly backing- first thing put onto reel, followed by floating fly line, usually weight forward WF for easier casting to beginners, then your tapered leader, usually a couple and some tippet to replace your leader as you cut it shorter. Now on my setup I've caught several 4-5lb bass. Now using a 5x tippet you have to learn to play them. This isnt your 8lb test on a spinning rod that you can just bring in as quick as you can. For me as a beginner my setup is perfect for 90% of the fishing I want to do. Everything I listed and a few starter flies cost me about \$150 total. Now I warn you, once you get started in this sport you better take a second job to pay for all the stuff that you need/want/don't really need but it looks cool. I would suggest hitting up your local fly shop to learn and ask for advice. It took me several trips out to catch my first trout. Just be patient and always willing to learn. This is a fun sport with much to learn. Ohh, one more thing... bring a camera so you can show us your first fish, the monster (or 2" bluegill) on your new flyrod!