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I started fly tying the winter after I took up fly fishing mainly because there were no fly shops close to where I lived in Beaver County, PA at the time. I bought a couple of books and a basic fly tying kit, but didn't really make much headway until I took a class at South Hills Rod and Reel which is no longer in business. That class, which was very inexpensive, taught me most of the fundamentals that I still use today. I would not recommend buying a fly tying kit. If I had to do it over again I would buy a vice and some basic tools and then add the materials as you need them. Your local fly shop should be able to help you out if you tell them what you will be tying. If there is not a fly shop in the area that has a class you can make it to you could try the local TU chapter as mentioned before. You might just meet a new friend who could show you the ropes for free. There are really a lot of good fly tying videos on both Youtube and Vimeo. Once you get the basics down you will be set for a long time to come.

Tom