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I know felt is illegal in Alaska. I bought a pair of Simms Freestones with the Vibram soles and the triangle carbide studs. I didn't have any trouble in Alaska but the rivers had virtually no slime on them at all so the Vibram and carbide was fine. I still don't like the Vibram, even with the cleats on slick and flat rocks or strong current. I have felt myself being pushed down slimy bedrock and I've never felt that with felt and studs.

I converted a pair of felts to studded felts with a 1/16" drill bit, an electric drill, and a bunch on plated hex head screws. This set-up works great and took me about half an hour to do and I think it cost about \$4.00 in hardware.

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 **Conversion to Studs.jpg** (120.70 KB)



 **Heel Closeup.jpg** (88.93 KB)

