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I started tying in the late 60s while I was living in north Central PA. Moved to Ohio in 1973 and did not pick up a flyrod or tie until 2001 when I moved to WV and didn't keep up with the newer patterns materials.

When I started tying again, it was like I never tied before. I felt like Roberto Duran (hands of stone). New materials and patterns, CDC, snowshoe, antron, comparaduns, parachutes and the list goes on, had my head spinning. When I started to tie again, I had a few good mentors who helped me. These mentors got me to tying small flies and to spend no more than 4-5 minutes to tie one. Concentrate on shape and color and that should do it they said.

I continue to be a minimalist when tying, using as few of materials as I can and tying small midges, nymphs and caddis. This strategy has worked well for me and at this point I don't feel I'll change what I do.

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