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Nice job Doc!

There's a lot good about these flies. Many beginners use beads that are too large - yours are fine. They're a bit scruffy but that usually makes for a fly that catches trout well. The smaller nymphs in your collection are especially good. Another common pitfall for newbie tiers trying to tie Zebra Midges is to wind the back of the body too far down the hook bend and this reduces the ability of the hook to stick and hold fish. Your flies are good with respect to this. The two midges on the left side in the middle of the row (clear beads) are pushing this. Don't go any lower down the shank. The two dries in the upper right hand side are tied pretty dense. Try a smaller hackle and somewhat fewer turns - this should produce a sparser, neater looking fly (sparsely tied flies are usually better than dense ones).

To get a tighter dubbing and make more pronounced head/abdomen sections on the ant flies, try using extra wax on your thread and twisting the dub on to the thread in small amounts with a more thorough twisting between your fingers. Apply head cement to the head/abdomen in between wrapping the dub and this will stiffen it a bit. Don't make the abdomen too large or you'll close the bite of the hook. Your ants are actually pretty good and don't need body sections much bigger than you already have 'em.

Well done.